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Her weight inched past the limit ahead of the women's 50-kg finals against the U.S.'s Sarah Ann Hildebrandt; WFI, IOA approached governing body for wrestling but could not get an exemption

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

On the cusp of glory, wrestler Vinesh Phogat's campaign in her third Olympics ended as the wrestler, who stunned Japan's World and Olympic champion Yui Susaki on her way to the women's 50-kg final, was disqualified after weighing 100 grams more than the permissible limit in the morning weigh-in ahead of the final, on Wednesday.

A two-time World Wrestling Championships bronze medallist in 53kg and a prominent face of the wrestlers' protest against alleged sexual harassment by former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, Vinesh, who maintains a body weight of around 57kg, had dropped down to 50kg for the Olympics. She managed to cut down her weight to the limit on day one of the competition but struggled to do so prior to her final against the U.S.'s Sarah Ann Hildebrandt. "Last night her weight was up by 1 kg. We and her personal support staff worked to cut it down. In the morning, she went to the sauna and gym. Unfortunately, her weight was slightly above the limit," chief coach of the Indian women's team Virender Dahiya said. She even had a haircut to reduce weight.

Chef-de-mission Gagan Narang, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chief P.T. Usha and the head of India's medical commission, Dinshaw Pardiwala, were present to help Vinesh.

The WFI and the IOA approached the United World Wrestling, the world governing body for the sport, but could not get any exemption.

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Massive heartbreak: IOA president P.T. Usha with Vinesh Phogat after her disqualification ahead of the gold medal bout. PTI

Vinesh moves CAS against disqualification

PARIS
Wrestler Vinesh Phogat on Wednesday appealed against her disqualification from the 50kg category Olympic finals in the Court of Arbitration for Sports, demanding that she be awarded a joint silver medal. An IOA source confirmed the development. The matter will be taken up on Thursday. PTI

NEARBY

HDK-DKS slugfest shifts focus of padayatra

MYSURU
A slugfest between Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is dominating the political discourse of the padayatra. » Page 8

Lorry falls into Kali as old bridge collapses

HUBBALLI
A driver along with his lorry fell into the Kali when a major bridge near Karwar collapsed in the early hours of Wednesday. However, timely action by the police and local fishermen saved the life of the driver. » Page 6

Yunus to take oath today; BNP calls for urgent polls

Rabiul Alam
DHAKA

An interim government headed by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus will take oath in Bangladesh at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman said at a press conference on Wednesday.

The 84-year-old will arrive in Dhaka on an Emirates flight from Dubai on Thursday afternoon, according to a press release.

Mr. Yunus asked the youth to be calm and get ready to build the country. "I congratulate the brave students who took the lead in making our 'Second Victory Day' possible and to the people for giving your total support to them. Let us make the best use of our new victory," he said.

The Labour Appellate Tribunal on Wednesday overturned a six-month jail sentence awarded to him in a case filed over alleged violation of the labour law.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), the main Opposition party when former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was in power, held a rally here, where thousands gathered from across the country.

Addressing the rally virtually from London, Tarique Rahman, BNP acting chairman and son of former Prime Minister and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia, called for immediate election. "The national election must be held immediately, and power must be handed over to the elected representatives," he said.

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Sea of support: BNP activists gathering near a poster of party chairperson Khaleda Zia, during a rally in Dhaka on Wednesday. AFP

Apartment association can be booked for death in swimming pool: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a first-of-its-kind judgement impacting residents of apartment complexes, the High Court of Karnataka has said that office bearers of the apartment owners' associations are liable for prosecution for criminal negligence in case of death in their swimming pool if left unguarded without any lifeguard or safety measure.

"If any apartment complex has a swimming pool and it is left unguarded without any lifeguard or without any safety measures taken as the case would be, those apartment complexes would be doing so at their own peril," the court observed.

It is for the members of every apartment association to protect the lives of infants in the apartment complex by bringing in measures to avoid any mishap so that innocent lives are not casually lost in the manner that has happened in the present case, the court said.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made this observation while allowing the criminal prosecution of six office bearers – Debashish Sinha, S.T. Suresh Babu, Santosh Maharana, Gobinda Mandal, Bikashkumar Paridh, and Bhakta Charan Pradhan – of Prestige Lakeside Habitat Home Owners Association, Gujur, near Varthur in Bengaluru.

2023 case

The petitioners had questioned the criminal proceedings in the case of the death of nine-year-old Manya Dameria, who died in the decorative pool area attached to the swimming pool on December 28, 2023.

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Manu has shown other women athletes the importance of self-belief

The head coach of the 10m air rifle contingent feels that the hard work has paid off, and calls for reinstating the junior programme in order to create athletes with a champion's mindset; just being talented is not enough and we need to create a very strong base of athletes who can perform on the big stage

RITU RAJ KONWAR

INTERVIEW

SUMA SHIRUR

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Heading into Paris, she was the last Indian female shooter to have entered an Olympic final. On her return to India, Suma Shirur – who was the head coach of the 10m air rifle contingent at the Paris Games – is all smiles for multiple reasons. Not only did an Indian woman shooter earn a medal this time but the air rifle shooters also performed exceptionally in Paris. Shirur shared her thoughts about the turnaround from Tokyo to Paris. Excerpts:

Is Suma Shirur over the moon that finally we have a female shooter medallist or are you disappointed that the record has been snatched away from you?

I am definitely happy because I belong to the first generation of Indian shooters and I was still the last woman finalist. Over the years, it had actually started to worry me as to why we are not able to do it.

Why are the women not able to come out of their shell and to perform on the Olympic stage?

I am very happy that finally all those inhibitions have been shredded and we have Manu (Bhaker), who has shown the way to a lot of other women athletes in creating that self-belief – at a high level, we are also strong enough to be able to stand the pressure and be able to perform. This is definitely going to help a whole lot of other women shooters who are extremely talented.

From Tokyo to Paris, what exactly changed in Indian shooting?

Tokyo was, of course, very heartbreaking, but I would say the circumstances were very different – because of the COVID lockdown just before the Olympics, things were not so easy. There were decisions that were made. Most of it was just to keep the team safe from COVID. But anyway, that's history. Definitely a lot of lessons to be drawn, knowing that just having athletes who have very good world rankings is not going to help. We just need to have athletes going into the Olympics who are in form.

I would say from Tokyo to Paris, keeping the basic framework the same, a lot of things were added and included into the system, and one of the most important things was having the Olympics selection trials. It was a new concept, so it could have gone either way. We all believed that no system is ever perfect, but we needed to do things in a way that... unless we try things out, we will never know how it works. I am very happy that the Olympic selection trials were a huge success because all the bonus points were taken away. Yes, it was a little more difficult for the shooters. If the selection process was so difficult, the ones who come out of the selection process are definitely fitter, stronger and more capable of performing at a stage like the Olympics. This is one of the major things.

Apart from that, the overall system was focused on a more holistic approach, so the shooters were physically and mentally stronger. We were more focused on the process and technically also, all the coaches worked hard on each and every athlete and the high performance director was appointed to keep various sections well-coordinated.

Overall it has been very, very good teamwork and though it's an individual sport, it's very important to have a team that backs you. Once we were able to iron it out, everything comes along the way.

Shooting is one of the foremost individual disciplines in Indian sport wherein a coordinated effort between personal coaches and the national coach is paramount. As a part of the national coaching group this time around, how did you actually handle this aspect, especially in the aftermath of the Tokyo debacle?

That's true. Honestly, I don't even know what this hullabaloo is all about because both the roles are completely different. Neither can the chief coach take the place of a personal coach nor can a personal coach take the place of the chief coach. The roles are completely different. Both are equally important. I have been a personal coach also, I have been a chief coach also, and I feel that what is very important is that we respect each other. I can't say that I am better than a personal coach. There is no

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>
> **SHIRUR**
> on her record being broken

comparison of any sort. We need to respect each other's role. If we are clear about the roles, the athletes also benefit.

When an athlete is coming into the national team and when we have to go out there and perform, we are definitely not going to teach them how to shoot. They are here because they have good personal coaches. As far as the chief coach is concerned, it's very important that I have to look at the overall team and the overall mood of the team, the overall well-being of the team. And it's also important to ensure that everyone is in the right mood, I have to be observant, and if there are technical hiccups coming along the way, I need to iron that out. It's also about making those right decisions under pressure.

When I have an athlete coming out in between a match, what you say is very important. When we are going into a big competition like the Olympics, it's impossible to have all the personal coaches behind the shooter on the lane. It's not happening because of the restrictions with the number of coaches. So it's very important to have a coach who understands the overall system and who understands an athlete and was able to make that decision, so it's also very important for the athlete to have that trust in the coach who is sitting there behind them and where there is no conflict of interest. All that we want is that India should win a medal. It's not about individuals, but it's more about the country as a whole and we are able to perform well as a team.

You mentioned performing well as a team. In your domain – 10m air rifle – how would you sum up the campaign?

I am happy with the overall performance and yes, of course, I would have been happier and content with a medal. As a coach, definitely I would look at performance because in my event all the four have performed really well. Arjun Babuta was almost there and in one shot, he missed out on a medal. Ramita also was in the finals and they were very close. Sandeep (Singh) lost his place in the final, so I think when I look at the overall team performance, I am satisfied. We narrowly missed on a medal but for the performances, I am happy and it just goes to show that now we are on the right track. Going forward, if we keep working this way, definitely we will have more medals coming in our kitty.

Overall from the shooting contingent's perspective, do you think you all have managed to shed all the disappointments of the two previous Olympic cycles?

For sure. Everyone is like - finally, after two cycles - really celebrating the shooters, which was much-needed because of all the work that was put in at an individual level, at a coach level, at a federation level, from the government level. Everyone has been completely into it in trying to put the ghosts of Tokyo out of out of our minds. And I do hope that going forward. we are going to take things forward from Paris and leave Tokyo behind.

Now that you have buried the ghosts of the past, what is it that is required in the next couple of years before the real preparations begin for Los Angeles 2028?

I firmly believe that a lot of our work and a lot of the shooters who were performing here are the ones who were part of the junior programmes that were set up and from 2018. They managed to qualify and perform at Paris. I believe that we must reinstate the junior programme because that lays the foundation of a whole batch of shooters who need grooming. If a good shooter gets a roadmap, we can groom him/ her into becoming a very tough, competitive athlete who will be able to perform at a high level. We need to continue to stress on the junior programme and keep grooming our athletes. Just being talented is not enough. Creating a champion's mindset comes over time. We need to continue the process and we need to continue to keep grooming our young athletes so that you know we are able to create a very strong base of athletes who can perform on the big stage.

On the right track: Shirur says although Arjun Babuta narrowly missed out on a medal, she is happy with the overall performance. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Penalty to be imposed for dumping waste on vacant sites

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has issued a new order under the Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, Solid Waste Management Byelaws 2020, and BBMP Act 2020 in connection with the imposition of penalties and collection of costs for waste disposal from vacant lands/plots in the city.

According to the new rules, zonal offices will identify all vacant plots/lands/places where solid waste/building and demolition waste (C&D) has been dumped, creating unhygienic or unhealthy conditions, or where any thick or harmful vegetation, trees, or plants that are harmful to health or are invasive are found, causing nuisance to public places or neighbouring areas.

Penalties will be imposed in accordance with schedule-VII of the Solid Waste Management Byelaws for specific rule violations.

A notice with a specific period of seven days will be issued to remove or clear the waste from the vacant plot. If the individual/owner fails to comply with the directives, the corporation will initiate the process of clearing the site and issue a notice (with seven days) for payment of the incurred cost and penalties, which will be reflected in a separate column in the property tax notice.

The penalties and costs will be recorded in the property tax books and collected along with property tax dues by noting them in a separate column on the property tax receipt.

If the payment is not made within the specified period, the zonal commissioner will impose applicable interest.

Pregnant woman killed in road accident on NH4

30-year-old Sinchana was returning to her village after visiting a temple at Shivagange

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 30-year-old eight-month pregnant woman riding pillion with her husband died after falling under a truck that knocked down their scooter, near Yadehalli at Nelamangala on NH4 in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The deceased, Sinchana, was returning to her village, Thotanahalli, after visiting a temple at Shivagange. Her husband, Manjunath, is an engineer who works in a private firm in Bengaluru. He suffered minor injuries in the accident.

The accident occurred near Yadehalli at Nelamangala on NH4 in Bengaluru on Wednesday. FILE PHOTO

According to the police, the couple was riding on the national highway when a KSRTC bus moving ahead stopped suddenly to avoid an accident. Due to this, Manjunath applied the brakes, but their vehicle was hit by a truck that was coming behind them. The driver of the truck, which was carrying M sand, applied the brakes, but could not avoid hitting the scooter in front. The couple fell, and Sinchana came under the wheels of the truck.

Sinchana

The Nelamangala police rushed to the spot. They arrested the driver and seized the vehicle. Superintendent of Police C.K. Baba visited the accident spot and took stock of the situation.

The spot is located in a sensitive zone that has recorded over 90 fatal accidents in the last six months, a senior police officer said. The police inspected the area to assess the road conditions and discussed initiatives to minimise accidents.

Resident doctors threaten strike from Aug. 12 if stipend is not hiked

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Intensifying their silent protest, members of the Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD) have threatened to stop all their services, except emergencies, from August 12 if their demand for a hike in stipend is not considered by then.

KARD president Sirish Shivaramaiah told *The Hindu* that nearly 10,000 resident doctors (postgraduates), including interns, super-speciality residents, and senior residents from all Government Medical colleges in Karnataka had started a silent protest from August 5 by attending duties wearing black bands.

"Despite submitting several memoranda to the Minister, Principal Secretary and Director of Medical Education, there is no response. This has left resident doctors in financial, professional and personal stress. If the government does not consider our demand by August 12, we will stop our services in all government teaching hospitals, except in emergencies," Mr. Shivaramaiah said.

According to a statement by KARD, the stipend paid to resident doctors of government medical colleges is about half of that being paid to their counterparts in other States.

"If the government does not respond to our demands, we will be forced to escalate our silent protest from August 12. We will suspend all the services involving resident doctors (interns, postgraduates, super-speciality residents, and senior residents) in all government medical colleges and hospitals till our demand is considered," the statement added.

Preventive steps taken by authorities to control dengue insufficient: High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that the steps taken by the authorities, particularly the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on containing dengue is more on the curative front, the High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday said actions initiated on the preventive front are insufficient.

"The preventive measures are more important. Prevention is better than cure," the court said while pointing out that the curative steps like available medical infrastructure are hopefully adequate to meet the challenges, but the duty to be discharged by the authorities would not rest there, as preventive measures are key.

Though the State Health Department's primary reports suggest that there is a marginal decline in the spread of dengue, the court noted that the authorities are not expected to be complacent.

A Division Bench made these observations while hearing the PIL petition, which the court *suo motu* had initiated last month taking note of the rising number of cases of dengue across the State based on a "Letter To the Editor" in a newspaper and several news reports.

On BBMP's claim that it had identified 51 mosquito breeding hotspots, the Bench observed that the number of breeding areas for mosquitoes must be much larger in the vast city of Bengaluru and directed the BBMP to submit details ward-wise breeding areas identified and the preventive actions taken.

Also, the Bench directed the BBMP to apprise the court during the next date of hearing on the punitive actions, including the imposition of penalty, on those who fail to take steps to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes despite being made aware of such steps by the authorities.

Noticing that waste on roadsides is another cause for the breading of mosquitoes and the spread of several infectious diseases, the Bench directed the BBMP to take swift steps to clear sold waste and file an affidavit in this regard to the court.

Earlier, senior advocate and amicus curiae pointed out that it is neither realist nor possible to believe the BBMP's claim that it had surveyed 24,90,995 houses out of the total 25,30,999 to check and prevent the spread of dengue in a short span of time.

In other States

Senior advocate S. Sriranga, who appeared for the petitioner, Registrar-General of the High Court, told the Bench that framing regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, has resulted in better prevention of the spread of diseases like dengue and similar steps in Karnataka could help the State in the long run.

Delay by State govt. in handing over Binny Mills land to SWR holding up revamp of KSR station

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

The revamp of KSR City Railway Station in Bengaluru is being delayed by a standoff between South Western Railway (SWR) and the government of Karnataka over acquisition of Binny Mills land. The land is needed for the overhaul and expansion of KSR Bengaluru with an aim of providing airport-like facilities at a cost of ₹1,000 crore at the busy railway station in the middle of Bengaluru.

SWR and the State government had entered into a land swap agreement years ago, as part of which SWR handed over a land parcel for the Okalipuram signal-free corridor. In lieu of that land, the State government was supposed to acquire Binny Mills land from its owners and hand it over to SWR. SWR was reportedly told to give additional land or monetary compensation. At a recent meeting between SWR and the State government, SWR had argued that the value of the land handed over to BBMP for the Okalipuram signal-free corridor was more than that if the land being handed over to them in exchange.

A view of the Binny Mills land that was acquired by the Revenue Department. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Meanwhile, the case has reached the apex court.

Krishna Prasad K.N., railway activist, said that both the State government and SWR have to find an amicable solution to break the impasse. "SWR has not shared details of the project to expand KSR station with the public. There are some reports that they want to build commercial properties as well. If this is true, it will only further choke the already crowded station," he said.

According to SWR: "Three acres 16 guntas of land handed over from BBMP to railway (in lieu of the same extent of railway land used for signal-free corridor at Okalipuram Junction by BBMP) is being used by railway for boot laundry and extended sidlings at KSR station. Now, the land owner has approached the apex court seeking extra relief from BBMP. Railways do not have any part in that."

IISc student found unconscious in hostel dies

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Aviraj hailed from Maharashtra. Police have filed a report based on a complaint given by his sister

Aviraj Hanumanth, a 23-year-old student at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), died on Tuesday. The Sadashivanagar police station has filed a case of unnatural death report.

Aviraj hailed from Maharashtra and the police have filed the report based on a complaint given by his sister. According to a statement by IISc, the student was found unconscious in the hostel and was rushed to Ramaiah Hospital, where he passed away.

"We are deeply saddened to announce the death of a student who was pursuing an M.Tech. at the Department of Instrumentation and Applied Physics. We express our heartfelt condolences to the student's family and friends. Our deepest sympathies are with them," the statement said.

The police are awaiting the post-mortem report for further investigation.

Shiradi Ghat stretch opened

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

The Hassan district administration allowed the movement of vehicles on Shiradi Ghat stretch of NH-75 without restrictions since Wednesday.

There had been restriction on the movement of vehicles at night due to landslips during rain.

Shruthi, Assistant Commissioner of Sakleshpur sub-division, informed the media on Wednesday that following the instructions from Deputy Commissioner C. Sathyabhama, the road had been opened for all vehicles 24 hours a day.

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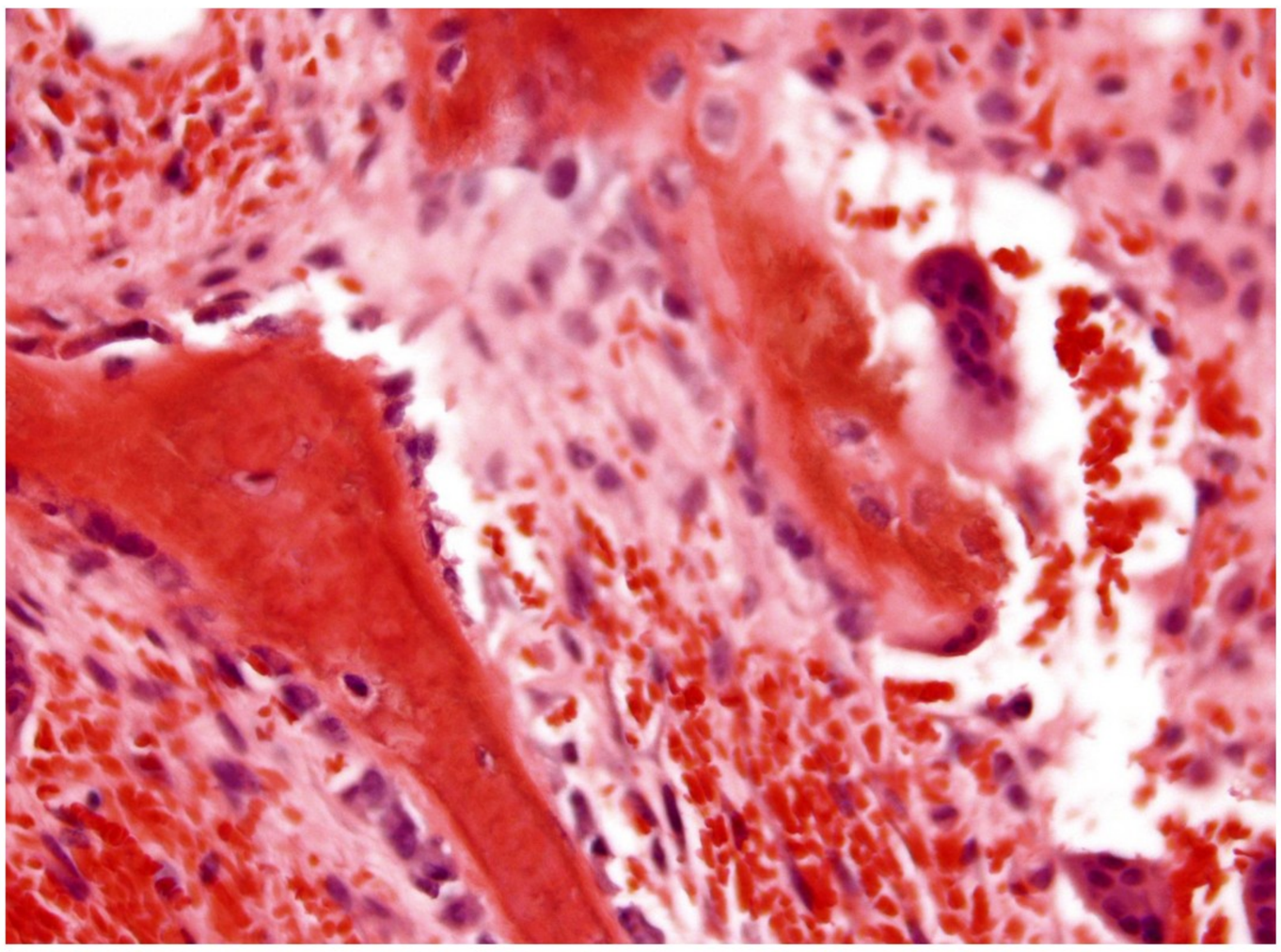
Scientists find 'hidden' hormone that keeps mice mothers' bones healthy

During breastfeeding, the body diverts energy from the reproductive system to producing milk. This drop in oestrogen should lead to weaker bones. But surprisingly, mothers' bones become stronger to meet the high calcium demands of their babies and to make up for bone lost during pregnancy

Adhiraj Goel



Bone-making cells called osteoblasts (purple) rimming a bony spicule (pink, on diagonal). In this tissue, the osteoblasts have retracted and are separated from each other and from their underlying matrix. NEPHRON (CC BY-SA 3.0)

Osteoporosis is a condition in which the body's bones become weak and brittle. There are more than 10 million cases of osteoporosis every year in India, and it disproportionately affects ageing women more than men. The hormone oestrogen plays a crucial role in this condition because it stimulates the growth and formation of new bone. After menopause, the decreased function of the ovaries leads to oestrogen being depleted in the body, resulting in the loss of bone mass.

In a recent study published in the journal *Nature*, researchers at the Universities of California in San Francisco and Davis reported uncovering a novel brain-derived hormone that they say is responsible for increased bone mass in postpartum lactating mothers. The hormone is called CCN3.

A 'secret' path

Oestrogen plays a crucial osteoanabolic role: it stimulates the growth and formation of new bone. Consider oestrogen as a manager who tells (or signals) the members of her bone construction crew when to start and finish their jobs. During breastfeeding, the body signals to suppress oestrogen production in the ovaries, diverting energy away from the reproductive system to focus on milk production. This drop in oestrogen should lead to weaker bones.

But surprisingly, mothers' bones become stronger during this time to meet the high calcium demands of their babies and to make up for bone loss during pregnancy.

As a result, scientists have suspected that there is another way in which the body strengthens bones, independent of oestrogen.

For their studies, the researchers started with mice genetically modified to not produce a protein called oestrogen receptor alpha in the hypothalamus. Through systematic studies with these mice, they found that specific neurons, called KISS1 neurons, used the CCN3 hormone to maintain bone mineralisation during lactation.

CCN3 belongs to the CCN family of proteins. They are involved in several biological processes, including embryonic development, tissue repair, wound healing, and cancer progression.

Previous work has shown that KISS1 neurons are located in the arcuate nucleus (ARC), a critical part of the hypothalamus that regulates metabolism, reproduction, and bone health. Scientists also know KISS1 neurons are key to regulating bone mass in females.

A brain-derived factor?

The body maintains its bone mass – not gaining too much, not losing too much – by maintaining a balance between skeletal stem cell-based bone formation and osteoclast-based bone resorption. Skeletal stem cells give rise to bone tissue, while osteoclasts are cells that break down bone tissue.

The researchers isolated a specific skeletal stem cell population from wild-type mice and transplanted them into mutant mice. The result was higher bone mineralisation in the mutant female mice.

The researchers also delivered such skeletal stem cells near the ARC of the mutant mice using minimally invasive surgery and recorded the appearance of mineralised bone-like structures in the hypothalamus.

These structures didn't appear in wild-type mice, however, implying the presence of a brain-derived factor that promoted bone formation in the mutant mice.

Mounting a unique response

To identify the factor driving these changes, the researchers put the mutant mice on a high-fat diet known to affect the function of KISS1 neurons, including the production of the suspected factor.

As expected, the mutant mice lost bone mass on this diet. The researchers extracted RNA from the ARC of these mice and sequenced it. They found that two genes, called *Ccn3* and *Penk*, had been upregulated earlier but whose effects were lost after the high-fat diet began.

A gene is said to be upregulated when a cell expresses it more because it needs to produce more of the protein the gene encodes for. (The opposite goes for downregulation.)

Of the two genes, only the hormone produced by the *Ccn3* gene – called CCN3 – was found to be located in all the KISS1 neurons in the mutant mice.

Importantly, the researchers found that CCN3 had been explicitly upregulated in mutant female mice but not in wild-type female and male mice or in mutant male mice. This suggested that the mutant female mice, which were unable to sense oestrogen because they lacked oestrogen receptor alpha, mounted a unique response. It highlighted a potential sex-specific regulatory mechanism for bone formation involving CCN3.

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The team also found CCN3 increased the frequency with which (or the absolute number of) skeletal stem cells matured into cells that form bone and cartilage. CCN3 enhanced the potential of skeletal stem cells to mature into these bone- and cartilage-forming cells.

Thus, the hormone helped produce more cells that built bones and cartilage and made these cells better at doing their job, leading to stronger and healthier bones.

A dose-dependent response

Finally, the researchers conducted a series of experiments to establish the role of CCN3 as an osteoanabolic hormone, i.e., that it is involved in making bone. When they extracted skeletal stem cells from wild-type mice and cultured the cells with the CCN3 hormone, they recorded a 200% increase in mineralisation.

They were able to replicate this result in male and female human skeletal stem cells as well, confirming its broad applicability.

Ex vivo and *in vivo* experiments further validated these findings. Low doses of mouse CCN3 significantly increased the bone mass of young and aged femurs and of adult wild-type mice. In two-year-old male mice with bone fractures, treatment with CCN3 accelerated bone repair – and the higher the dose, the faster was the repair.

In mice, the researchers also reported that CCN3 is absent during early and late pregnancy, appears within seven days after birth, and drops again as lactation decreases. Deliberately reducing the amount of CCN3 hormone in KISS1 neurons before pregnancy didn't affect a mouse mother's fertility or ability to produce milk.

But when mothers with low CCN3 levels were lactating and had a low-calcium diet, they had lower bone density, which negatively affected the survival of their offspring.

A new treatment choice?

These findings prove the CCN3 hormone secreted by KISS1 neurons in the ARC part of the hypothalamus is crucial to maintaining maternal bone mass, at least in mice.

The groundbreaking study also revealed a pathway in which hypothalamic neurons sidestep conventional routes to directly release hormones into the bloodstream, providing fresh perspectives on the communication between the brain and the body in mice. It also emphasises the need to allocate funds for research on female health and biology.

The identification of CCN3 presents new opportunities to investigate its potential as a therapeutic agent for hereditary and chronic skeletal disorders, broadening the range of treatment choices for osteoporosis.

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This image provided by the University of Tokyo shows the Mata Menge humerus fragment, left, at the same scale as the humerus of Homo floresiensis from the Liang Bua cave on the island of Flores, Indonesia. YOUSUKE KAIFU/AP

Tiny bones shed light on mystery 'hobbits'

Agence France Presse

The discovery of a tiny arm bone suggests that an ancient human dubbed the "hobbit" only shrank down to their diminutive size after they arrived on an Indonesian island a million years ago, scientists said on August 8. Much about the pint-sized *Homo floresiensis* has been shrouded in mystery since the first fossils suggesting their existence were found on the island of Flores in 2003.

These tool-using *hominins* are believed to have been living on the island as recently as 50,000 years ago, when our own species homo sapiens was already walking the Earth, including in nearby Australia. From some 60,000-year-old teeth and a jawbone found in an island cave, scientists had previously estimated the hobbits were around 1.06 metres tall.

But the discovery of part of an upper arm bone as well as some teeth at an open-air island site on the island suggests some hobbits stood just one metre tall around 700,000 years ago, according to a study in the journal *Nature Communications*.

Study co-author Adam Brumm, an archaeologist at Australia's Griffith

One side argues the hobbits descended from an earlier *hominin* which arrived a million years ago. Others believe *Homo erectus* became trapped on the island, only to then evolve into the smaller *H. floresiensis*

University, told AFP that it was the smallest humerus fossil of an adult hominin ever found. The discovery could tip the scales in a heated debate among scientists about how *H. floresiensis* became so small.

One side argues that the hobbits, nicknamed after the little heroes in J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy novels, descended from an already small earlier hominin which arrived on Flores around a million years ago. Others believe it was our ancestor *Homo erectus*, which were roughly our size and had spread throughout Asia, that became trapped on the island, only to then evolve into the smaller *Homo floresiensis* over the next 300,000 years. The researchers behind the latest discovery believe it strongly supports the latter theory. These ancient humans "reduced drastically in body size according to a well known evolutionary phenomenon known as island dwarfism," Dr. Brumm said.

Under this process, larger animals tend to shrink over time to adapt to their limited surroundings.The tropical island was home to other smaller-than-normal mammals, including a cow-sized relative of the elephant. The newly discovered teeth also look like smaller versions of those from Homo erectus, the researchers said.

"If we are correct, it seems that *Homo erectus* was somehow able to cross formidable deep-sea barriers to reach isolated islands like Flores," Dr. Brumm said.

"We don't know how they were doing this," he said, adding that "accidental 'rafting' on tsunami debris" was one possibility. Once these ancient humans were trapped on the island, they managed to survive for hundreds of thousands of years, evolving into "strange new forms," Dr. Brumm said.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

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Firestorms, when fires make their own winds...

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1
An important cause of a firestorm is the _____ _____. Here, when air heated by the fire rises in a hot column, the fire's heat draws more air in from its surroundings. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 2
One of the most intense bombing raids during World War II, comparable in strength to atomic weapons, was the bombing of a German city named _____. On February 13–15, 1945, the U.S. Air Force destroyed 6.5 sq. km of it and killed 25,000 people by creating a firestorm. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 3
What is the name for the cumulus clouds that are created by large fires, including firestorms?

QUESTION 4
Name the February 7, 2009, bushfire in Australia that produced the most intense firestorm in recorded history to date in Australia. It released 1,500 times as much energy as the nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

QUESTION 5
A ____ _____ is created when eddies of air spinning in the air, like a vortex, trap some combustible gas or other substances that have since caught fire. Fill in the blanks. They are a common sight in firestorms.

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1. Treaty that specifies the meaning of 'proliferation' – Ans: **Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons**
2. Representative who floated a plan to destroy the U.S. nuclear arsenal – **Ans: Bernard Baruch**
3. Three "threshold" states under the Non-Proliferation Treaty – **Ans: India, Pakistan, and Israel**
4. Name of technologies with both civilian and military applications – **Ans: Dual-use**
5. 1967 treaty that prohibits nukes from being placed in earth orbit – **Ans: Outer Space Treaty**

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Uncertain future: Protesters climb up on a public monument as they celebrate the news of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on August 5. AP

What led to the fall of Sheikh Hasina?

Sheikh Hasina remobilised the Awami League and brought the party to power. She went on to oversee economic progress in Bangladesh, lifting millions out of poverty. But what went wrong for the most powerful Prime Minister Bangladesh has had in a generation?

WORLD INSIGHT

Stanly Johny

Sheikh Hasina survived the carnage of August 15, 1975 by sheer chance. Ms. Hasina, who was then 28, happened to be abroad when almost all members of her family, including her father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of Bangladesh, were killed at their residence in Dhaka by a group of Army personnel. She then spent six years in exile in India. In the late 1980s, she remobilised the Awami League (AL), Mujib's party, which played a crucial role in bringing down the military dictatorship of Muhammad Ershad in 1990. Six years later, the AL, under her leadership, defeated the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) of Khaleda Zia, and Ms. Hasina became Prime Minister for the first time. She returned to power after an interregnum in 2009.

In the subsequent 15 years, Ms. Hasina oversaw economic progress in Bangladesh. The country of 170 million people saw millions being lifted out of poverty. Her government won international praise for hosting millions of Rohingya Muslim refugees who fled violence in neighbouring Myanmar. She set up a war crimes tribunal to hold those who aided the genocide of the 1970s accountable. She also won back-to-back elections, the latest victory being in January. Still everything she built came crashing like a sandcastle on August 5. The 'iron lady' of Bangladesh had to resign and leave the country. What went wrong for the most powerful Prime Minister Bangladesh had had in a generation?

Lack of political legitimacy

The trigger for the set of events that led to Ms. Hasina's downfall was an unpopular quota system for government jobs that was originally introduced by Mujib after the liberation of Bangladesh. More than 50% of government jobs in Bangladesh were reserved for different sections, of which 30% were for the descendants of freedom fighters – meaning, Awami League workers. Ms. Hasina had done away with this system in 2018 after protests. In June 2024, the old system was reinstated by the Bangladesh high court. This triggered student protests, first on university campuses.

But Ms. Hasina had another problem – lack of political legitimacy for her government. In Bangladesh, the opposition and the government have historically had a hostile relationship. Ahead of the 2018 elections, Ms. Zia, the former Prime Minister and BNP chairperson, was jailed after a corruption conviction. Leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, the radical Islamist party, were convicted and hanged by the war crimes tribunal for their role in the genocide. Opposition leaders were routinely harassed, and legal challenges were mounted against the Prime Minister's rivals. This led to the BNP, the main opposition party, boycotting back-to-back elections. Moreover, independent analysts flagged irregularities in the election process. Thus, the space for opposition politics shrank over the years.

But for large sections of Bangladesh's population, Ms. Hasina was a force of stability, who turned around the country's economy. Bangladesh witnessed sustained economic growth, showing a jump in GDP per capita and substantial improvement in social indicators. Poverty declined from 11.8% in 2010 to 5% in 2022, based on the international poverty line of $2.15 a day, according to the World Bank.

However, the economic story faced challenges in recent years, first after the strike of COVID-19 and then the Russia-Ukraine war. GDP growth plunged to 3.4% in 2020, from 7.9% the previous year, according to the IMF. The economy, thus, is still in recovery mode. The Ukraine war led to a spike in oil and food prices. Inflation went up to 10%, and the country now has one of the highest youth unemployment rates in South Asia – at about 20%. As the economy slowed, employment opportunities in the private sector shrank. Government jobs were seen a report of economic stability by the youth. And when the high court ordered the reinstatement of the quota system, it angered the already frustrated students. It is this anger which lit the fuse for Ms. Hasina's imminent downfall. And the opposition, which had been living under Ms. Hasina's tight grip for over 15 years, joined in.

The iron lady's mistakes

Ms. Hasina erred in understanding the depth of the students' anger. She also miscalculated the strength of her political opponents. She called the protesters 'razakars', a derogatory term which was used to refer to those who helped Pakistani troops during the 1971 liberation war. This inflamed passions. And Ms. Hasina made the mistake which authoritarian rulers always make – bank on excessive force to quell an uprising. She unleashed both police personnel and AL activists on the protesters, who were also violent. In July, some 200 people were killed, mostly protesters, in clashes.

After the first round of protests, the Bangladesh Supreme Court scaled back the quota system, setting the reservation cap for the descendants of freedom fighters at 5%. While the students had won a major victory, they were not ready to call off the protests. On August 4, they called for another round of protests with a new demand – Sheikh Hasina should go. They also demanded accountability for the deaths of over 200 of their comrades. The AL then called for a counter-mobilisation of its members.

Dhaka, a megacity of 10 million people, was set for a major showdown. More than 100 people were killed in the ensuing violence in a single day. The government curbed access to communication networks and ordered a curfew. Students urged for more protests on August 5.

By that time it was evident that Ms. Hasina's position had been substantially weakened. The military said it would guard its constitutional obligations but won't use force against protesters. According to a *Reuters* report, Army chief Waker-uz-Zaman, after holding a meeting with senior Generals, informed the Prime Minister the night before she quit that his soldiers would not be able to enforce the curfew she had called for. Ms. Hasina's fate was sealed.

In the afternoon on August 5, when protesters started moving towards her official residence, the Awami League leader who was in power for 15 years resigned and left the country for India.

Chaos or order?

Ms. Hasina is the second leader in South Asia who has now been forced out of power by mass protests.

In July 2022, Sri Lanka's elected President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was forced to resign and leave the country amid massive protests triggered by an economic meltdown. The island country, however, saw an orderly political transition. The country's political class backed Ranil Wickremesinghe, a former Prime Minister, as the new President. Sri Lanka is now preparing for a Presidential election later this year, even though the country is yet to recover from the economic crisis.

But the situation in Bangladesh looks gloomier. The Army chief has announced an interim government, which is to be headed by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus, a key demand from the students. The President has dissolved parliament. The BNP has demanded elections in three months. However, it is not clear what role the Army, which had in the past directly ruled the country, would play during the transition. The interim administration would also find it difficult to bring in order after the chaos of the past month. There are already reports of widespread violence against Hindus, Ahmedia Muslims and AL functionaries.

Bangladesh's polity stands broken.

Ms. Hasina may be out of Bangladesh, but the AL still has a presence in the country. Moreover, the economic woes are looming large over the next government. Bangladesh definitely has some tough days ahead.

THE GIST

Sheikh Hasina, in the late 1980s and early 1990s, remobilised the Awami League (AL) which played a crucial role in bringing down the military dictatorship of Muhammad Ershad in 1990.

The main problem was the lack of political legitimacy for Ms. Hasina's government. In Bangladesh the opposition and the government have historically had a hostile relationship. Ahead of the 2018 elections, Ms. Zia, the former Prime Minister and BNP chairperson, was jailed after a corruption conviction.

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Old Airport Road may never be signal-free; traffic worsens on stretch

Twelve years after taking up a project to make the stretch between Trinity Circle and Kundalahalli Junction signal-free, the BBMP seems to have abandoned the idea mid-way; it takes 60 minutes to commute the 12-km distance

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

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Slow-moving traffic on Old Airport Road in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The signal-free corridor project between Kundanahalli junction and Trinity Circle, that was kick-started in 2012, may never be completed. Traffic on the stretch has worsened inconveniencing commuters.

The BBMP has built two underpasses at Kundalahalli junction and at HAL on Suranjandas Road but is yet to construct an underpass on Wind Tunnel Road. However, traffic police say that with the corridor cannot be made signal-free with just one more underpass. If the stretch has to be really made signal-free, the civic body needs to build at least six more underpasses, which is not part of the plan. This essentially means that the stretch may never become signal-free.

Nine signals

Rakesh Sinha, an IT employee, spends more than one-and-a-half hours on this stretch in the morning and evening. He lives at Vasanth Nagar and travels through Trinity Circle, crossing 9 signals, to reach his office near Kundanahalli junction. "With most companies mandating work from office, the situation has gone from bad to worse," said Mr. Sinha.

Mr. Sinha further observed that the underpasses at Kundanahalli junction and at HAL along Suranjandas Road has helped ease traffic in these areas. But the major choking point is between Murugeshpalya signal and Manipal Hospital signal.

When *The Hindu* travelled from Kundanahalli Gate to Trinity Circle during the peak traffic hours in the evening, the time to commute 12 km was 60 minutes. Had it been signal-free, the estimated time travel would be 30 minutes, according to a senior BBMP official.

Choking points

The major choking points along this high-density corridor are Marathahalli flyover, Marathahalli underpass, Yamlur junction, Murugeshpalya signal and Manipal hospital signal. The traffic movement along HAL underpass and Kundanahalli underpass is usually smooth.

Mohammad Afzal, an auto driver, said most of the drivers refuse to accept bookings on this stretch during peak hours. Besides increased fuel (LPG) consumption, the drivers also have to undergo stress due to the density of the traffic. "We have been awaiting completion of the signal-free corridor but now it looks like the problem is never ending," he said.

B.S. Prahlad, BMBP Chief Engineer (Road Infrastructure), said the civic body has built two underpasses, one on Suranjandas Road and another at Kundalahalli junction, as part of the proposal to make it a signal-free corridor. While Kundalahalli underpass was thrown open to commuters in 2022, HAL underpass was inaugurated in 2023. The BBMP has to build another underpass at Wind Tunnel Road. After this, the stretch can be made signal-free, Mr. Prahlad said.

However, a senior traffic police officer said at least five to six underpasses are necessary at junctions where traffic gets choked. Now, Kundalahalli and HAL have become signal-free. Constructing an underpass at Wind Tunnel Road will solve the problem of that particular stretch, but not the entire corridor. The BBMP has not consulted the traffic department while planning the project, and the corridor will not become signal free, he said.

A source in the BBMP said the process of building an underpass at Wind Tunnel Road has not commenced. The project completion is likely to be delayed further.

(This is the fourth in a series on long-pending infrastructure projects in Bengaluru)

No wind to renewable energy projects after strides from 2016 to 2020

Jahnavi T.R.
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As of May 2024, the total installed capacity of Renewable Energy (RE) in Karnataka stands at 21,990 megawatts (MW) putting the State in the fourth position in the country for installed RE projects. In 2023-24, RE projects with a capacity of 598.04 MW were commissioned.

However, from 2016-17 to 2019-20, over 1,000 MW of renewable energy projects were commissioned every year with solar and wind energy projects leading the way. In 2017-18, projects with a remarkable capacity of 5,120.38 MW were commissioned. Solar energy projects with a capacity of a whopping 3,920 MW and wind energy projects with a capacity of 875 MW were commissioned in the year. But the growth was not sustained in the years that followed.

Although a large part of the capacity commissioned during these years can be attributed to the Pavagada solar park, major strides were also seen in wind, rooftop solar and small hydro projects.

Renewable energy projects

Year	Capacity (in MW)
2016 - 17	1990.25
2017 - 18	5120.38
2018 - 19	1176.56
2019 - 20	1317.36
2020 - 21	236.83
2021 - 22	383.08
2022 - 23	584.62
2023 - 24	598.04

Source: KREDL

While only 4 MW of small hydro project has been commissioned since 2020 till date, there has neither been a consistent growth nor reduction in the capacities of solar and wind projects.

The one category in which the commissioned capacity has increased every year, from 2020 is the rooftop solar category. While 45.83 MW of rooftop solar projects were commissioned in 2020-21, it went up to 77.18 in 2021-22 and 79.57 MW in 2022-23. Despite domestic rooftop solar installations taking a hit due to the implementation of Gruha Jyothi scheme, around 121.82 MW worth rooftop solar systems were commissioned in 2023-24.

"Between 2016-2020, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) had fixed a Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) of 6,000 MW for Karnataka. Hence, RE projects, especially solar projects including Pavagada Solar Park, a SECI project and farmer solar plants were commissioned during the time. The State achieved the RPO ahead of the timeline. However, the MNRE did not fix an RPO again the State government also did not rigorously pursue RE projects,"said an official, Energy Department.

The official mentioned that the government has now started commissioning of more RE projects, including solar, wind and hydro projects. "Work is in process for the expansion of Pavagada Solar Park, another solar park in Madhugiri and addition of solar capacity under different components of the PM-KUSUM scheme," he said.

Accordingly, data from KREDL shows that this year, upto June, projects with a capacity of 1,477.01 MW were commissioned.

Drug addict performing bike stunt caught

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kamakshipalya traffic police on Wednesday chased and caught a high school dropout for wheeling and behaving indecently with motorists on the busy Magadi main road.

The accused, Chandan, 19, a porter by profession, was high on drugs to celebrate his birthday and performing stunts on the busy road, causing inconvenience to the road users, said the police. A traffic policeman deployed at Shantidhama junction tried to catch him, but Chandan sped away. ASI Shivashankar gave chase and pinned him down.

Conman held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Vidhana Soudha police on Tuesday arrested a 40-year-old civil contractor for impersonating as the personal assistant in the Chief Minister's Office.

The accused Srishail Jakkannavar, resident of Jayanagar, was caught from the Vidhana Soudha corridor carrying a fake ID.

The staff brought it to the notice of the higher officials who handed him over to the Vidhana Soudha police. Based on a complaint by Arun Furtado, deputy secretary, administration, CMO, the police charged Srishail under cheating, forgery, and impersonation and remanded him to judicial custody.

Namma Metro sets new peak ridership record of 8.26 lakh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The previous record of 8.25 lakh was set on August 15, 2022.

Bengaluru's Namma Metro set a new record with a peak ridership of 8.26 lakh passengers on August 6, according to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). However, commuters argue that the achievement can be celebrated if issues such as overcrowding are addressed by increasing the frequency of trains.

In a statement on Wednesday, BMRCL said, "Surpassing previous ridership records, Bengaluru Metro achieved its highest footfall of 8.26 lakhs on August 6. The previous record of 8.25 lakh was set on August 15, 2022."

But with increasing patronage for the metro, regular commuters have called out issues in commuting such as overcrowding. Recently, videos of overcrowded metro trains have gone viral on social media, showcasing not only the extreme congestion but also verbal altercations among passengers who struggle to find space to stand. Passengers have demanded the BMRCL increase train frequency to enhance the comfort and convenience of metro journeys.

"The achievement of 8.26 lakh passengers reflects the public's reliance on metro services, highlighting the need for significant improvements in public transport. Even during non-peak hours, metro coaches are consistently packed, and stations are crowded. The frequency of trains needs to be increased. Over the past year, especially since the introduction of the extended purple line, there's been a noticeable surge in the number of passengers. It's time to boost metro services to meet this growing demand," Vikas Sharma from Indiranagar said.

Another passenger, Manoj Kumar N. from R.V. Road, said, "During peak hours, boarding the train can be very challenging, particularly at Majestic station, where the crowds become overwhelming, and the environment can be suffocating both on the platform and inside the metro. BMRCL needs to increase train frequency and capacity to accommodate passengers better."

BMRCL officials, however, stated that they are taking several measures to address the issue. These include operating short-loop metro services during peak hours to redirect crowds to less congested stations, as well as maintaining a train frequency of three minutes or less.

BMRCL-NLM sign pact

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The agreement aims at supporting rural and urban women entrepreneurs

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) and the National Livelihood Mission (NLM) signed a memorandum of agreement on Wednesday to pilot a new initiative aimed at supporting rural and urban women entrepreneurs. The agreement marks the beginning of a one-year project to rent out stalls at Bengaluru Santhe, located at Swami Vivekananda Road.

BMRCL said this partnership represents the first effort to establish a dedicated marketplace for self-help groups, rural artisans, and small-scale entrepreneurs. Bengaluru Santhe, developed jointly by BMRCL, RDPR, and HUDCO, is designed to promote local crafts, khadi, and other rural products, catering to urban audiences.

The new marketplace, also known as Rural Haat, features a cluster of stalls arranged along a central spine, mimicking a traditional street market. The architecture reflects Karnataka's folk art, creating an attractive destination for locals and tourists.

Timings
BENGALURU

THURSDAY, AUG. 08	
RISE 06:06	SET 18:44
RISE 09:00	SET 21:20
FRIDAY, AUG. 09	
RISE 06:07	SET 18:43
RISE 09:45	SET 21:53
SATURDAY, AUG. 10	
RISE 06:07	SET 18:43
RISE 10:29	SET 22:27

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	24
Mysuru	27	21
Bengaluru	26	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Day will be slight warm with cloudy sky. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

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ई–अति अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई–अति अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा संख्याः– **12/RII/2023-24/RWD/KHUNTI,** दिनांक–**07.08.2024**

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Through the streets: The Quartieri Spagnoli in Naples, Italy. GETTY IMAGES

The bewildering and bedazzling world of the ever-mysterious Elena Ferrante

Book lists, including a recent NYT compilation of the best 100 books of the 21st century, continue to serenade the anonymous Italian writer who has chronicled Naples from the 1950s onward. Her books also look at the world beyond a poor neighbourhood, taking in the changes sweeping Europe

Mini Anthikad Chhibber

We love lists for the semblance of order it gives to our messy lives. When *The New York Times* came up with the 100 Best Books of the 21st century, we pored over it, happily rediscovering gems, mourning a missing favourite and questioning what we thought was a dodgy inclusion. The top three spots are claimed by women –Hilary Mantel's extraordinary reimagining of Thomas Cromwell's life, *Wolf Hall*, was in the third spot, Isabel Wilkerson's magnificently detailed account of the great migration of Black Americans, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, came in second and Elena Ferrante's *My Brilliant Friend*, the first of her Neapolitan quartet, took the top spot.

Story of two girls

Ferrante has two other entries in the list with *The Days of Abandonment* at 92 and the heart-breaking conclusion to the Neapolitan quartet, *The Story of the Lost Child*, at 80. *My Brilliant Friend*, translated by Ann Goldstein, was published in English in 2012, a year after it was originally published in Italian. It was followed by *The Story of a New Name* and *Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay*.

The novel tells the story of two girls, Lenù and Lila, growing up in a tough neighbourhood in Naples in the 1950s. The first book follows the girls from the age of six and ends with a poignant cliff hanger at Lila's wedding at the age of 16. *My Brilliant Friend* begins in 2010 with a 66-year-old Lenù, getting a telephone call saying Lila has literally vanished without a trace. Nothing of her remains, from her clothes, shoes, books and keepsakes to cutting herself out of every photograph.

Lenù realises this is what Lila wanted to do, had spoken of doing – erasing herself and the life she left behind. Angry, Lenù decides to write everything she remembers about Lila, which she does in four brilliant books, tracing the two girls' lives, intertwined with the history and politics of the region.

The books are intensely confined to the impoverished neighbourhood in Naples and simultaneously also the larger world, encompassing Italy and the rest. There is the trauma of World War II, the rise of communism and radical feminism, crime, Camorra, drugs and computers as well as the softer cultural markers from photo romances and Lambrettas to Jackie Kennedy's iconic style.

Different paths

Circumstances separate the girls, with Lenù going on to study and becoming an author, and Lila, who is frighteningly intelligent, giving up school as her parents do not think it necessary to educate her, helping her mother at home and her father in the shoe shop.

Even in the shoe shop, Lila, who after reading *Little Women*, decided to become a novelist to become rich and wrote a novel, The Blue Fairy, designs beautiful shoes. Though her father does not wish to make shoes – everyone prefers factory-made shoes, he says, Lila and her brother make a pair of shoes, which is the cause of a great deal of heartache.

Though the cast of characters seem overwhelmingly large at the outset, over the course of the four novels, they become people we know very well. There is a universality of that neighbourhood where we can all recognise the uncles, aunties, bad boys and girls, the clever ones destined to succeed and the others just as surely bound to fail.

Church at the centre

The neighbourhood in Naples can easily be in Thrissur, with the church as the centre of all important transactions both material and spiritual. The care with which girls have to protect their honour and reputation, the speed with which offence is taken and violence in speech and action meted out to imagined and real slights, are all so depressingly familiar. However, in the midst of the poverty, deprivation, misogyny and casual violence, there is hope most of all in the relationship of Lenù and Lila. Though as Lenù helps Lila dress for her wedding in a heartbreakingly beautiful scene, Lila calls Lenù "her brilliant friend", Lila is also Lenù's brilliant friend, "dissolving margins" and all.

Lenù portrays herself as a diligent worker, while Lila is the one with the quicksilver mind. Calling her Lila while the rest of the neighbourhood calls her Lina (her name is Raffaella) shows that Lenù sees Lila differently from the neighbourhood, who look upon her as a troublemaker and one who needs to be subdued.

Distinct voice

Lenù has a distinct voice as a chronicler telling her story, and the story of all in the neighbourhood along with Lila's. In a way their story is the story of the neighbourhood, singular and universal. There is a fearful symmetry in the Neapolitan Quartet. Lila drops Lenù's doll into the cellar grate, which the six-year-old Lenù is convinced is haunted by the fearsome Don Achille, and prompts Lenù to drop Lila's doll as well. This sets the tone of the relationship between the two girls – bound by love, competition and validation. In the epilogue of *The Story of the Lost Child*, Lenù gets a package containing the two dolls completing the circle.

My Brilliant Friend has been made into a successful series– the fourth and final season based on *The Story of the Lost Child* is coming out on September 9. For a work of autofiction, the fact that Elena Ferrante is a pseudonym is one of never-ending fascination for pundits and plebs alike. In an age of book tours, signings and authors taking to social media to engage with their readers, Ferrante's decision to remain anonymous is bewildering and bedazzling.

Unlike Monk's assumption of a pseudonym in Percival Everett's *Erasure*, which incidentally has come in at 20 in the list, Ferrante has said in an interview, "books, once they are written, have no need of their authors."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Novak Djokovic beat Carlos Alcaraz in a thrilling Olympic final, to win gold. With this, he joined a elite group of Career Golden Slam winners. Here is a quiz on all of them

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
Let's start with a simple one. What is a Career Golden Slam?

QUESTION 2
How many players till now have achieved a Career Golden Slam in Men's and Women's singles? Who are they?

QUESTION 3
One of the answers to Q2, a German player, in 1988 became the only tennis player to achieve the Golden Slam, by winning all four major singles titles and the Olympic gold medal in the same calendar year. Who is it?

QUESTION 4
This American former world No. 1 tennis player was known as "The Punisher". He has written an autobiography detailing his childhood and tennis-playing days. Identify him.

QUESTION 5
This American former professional tennis player is the only player to accomplish a Career Golden Slam in both singles and doubles. Identify the player.

QUESTION 6
For over a decade, this player has led men's tennis along with Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic as the Big Three. At 24, he became the youngest man in the Open Era to achieve the Career Grand Slam, and the first man to win majors on three different surfaces (hard, grass, and clay) in the same year. Who is he?

Visual question:
In this image, "Vamos Nole" is written on this player's shoes. Nole is referred to which player?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. World Breastfeeding Week is observed in the first week of August in commemoration of this event. **Ans: The 1990 Innocenti Declaration**
2. State if true or false: Almost 75% of all mothers produce more milk in their right breast. **Ans: True**
3. The percentage of body energy a mother needs while lactating. **Ans: 25- 30%. The brain, in comparison, only needs 20%**
4. True of false. It is possible to induce lactation without a pregnancy. **Ans: Yes, by using the same hormones that your body makes during pregnancy**
5. The recommended gold standard for breastfeeding a baby. **Ans: Exclusive breastfeeding for six months**
Visual: Name the mother-daughter duo. **Ans: Sharon Spink and her daughter Charlotte Spink, who she breastfed until the girl was 9. This is, as per available records, is the longest a child has been breastfed**
Early Birds: C. Saravanan| K. N.Viswanathan| Tamal Biswas| Anju Sharma| Shreya Arora

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Last week, you said, 'Spelling rules are not spell-binding.' Is the word 'spell' in 'spellbinding' related to 'spell' in 'spelling'?"

"They are related and are from Old English 'spell' which means 'talk', 'tidings', 'news', 'tale'. In the word 'gospel', you have the word 'spell'. 'Gospel' is a combination of 'good' and 'spell.' Gospel literally means 'good tidings' or 'good news'. The good news originally was that Jesus had been born. Now 'gospel' is used to refer to any of the first four books of the New Testament of the Bible. The Gospels deal with the life and teachings of Christ.

The Gospels are ascribed to St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John. When you want to refer to any one of the Gospels, you could either say 'The gospel according to St. John or 'St. John's Gospel'. 'Gospel' is also used to mean (a) set of principles (b) something that is completely true.

He is spreading the gospel of non-violence.

What she has said is absolutely true. It is the gospel truth.

'Gospel truth' is something absolutely true."

"So 'gospel' is from 'good news'."

"Yes."

"But the meaning of 'spell' in 'spellbinding' is different, isn't it?"

"I will come to that. When you spell a word, you write or name the letters of the word in correct order. 'Spell' also means 'words which when spoken are thought to have a magical power.' When a witch utters a spell in somebody's presence, the person becomes bewitched. The person is strongly influenced by the witch. When you say that a speaker cast a spell over the audience, you mean that the speech influenced the audience most powerfully.

"You can cast a spell on someone. You can come under the spell of someone. Some more examples.

You can't reason with him now. He is under her spell now.

When someone is under a spell, he/she is completely under its influence. When you are spellbound, you are enchanted, enthralled.

It is a spellbinding book.

She is a spellbinder."

"'Spell' has a couple of other meanings, doesn't it?"

"Yes. We'll discuss them next week. Let us take up spelling."

"When do you write 'cede,' when do you write 'sede', when do you write 'ceed'? I am often confused about the correct spelling."

"There is only one word in English which ends in 'sede.' That is supersede. There are only three words that end in 'ceed.' They are exceed, succeed and proceed. The rest of the 'seed' words end in 'cede'. Accede, concede, recede, secede, intercede. These you can easily remember. Words that end in 'cede,' 'ceed' and 'sede' are referred to informally as 'seed' words as 'cede,' 'ceed' and 'sede' are pronounced like the word 'seed.' Shall I proceed?"

"I'd prefer to recede from here."

"O.K. See you next week."

Published in The Hindu on December 15, 1992.

Word of the day

Ratiocination:
the proposition arrived at by logical reasoning; logical and methodical reasoning

Synonym: conclusion

Usage: *The detective is known for his gifts of ratiocination.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/ratiocinationpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˌræʃɪˌɒsɪˈneɪʃn̩/

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From Page One

Apartment association can be booked for death in swimming pool: HC

Though the High Court quashed the charge sheet filed against the office bearers under Section 304 (punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), it *suo motu* invoked Section 304A (causing death by negligence) of the IPC against them holding that they are accountable for the maintenance and other affairs of the apartment complex.

Pointing out that Section 304 of the IPC was loosely or erroneously laid against the petitioners, the court said they could not be charged with an intention to kill, but the allegation against them could "only hinge upon negligence".

Disastrous effect

On the argument made on behalf of the petitioners that no apartment swimming pool has any guard who would stop a child from moving around the swimming pool, as it is a question of privacy, the court said, "If this argument is accepted, it will have a disastrous effect on the safety of the residents, particularly children."

"Therefore, the office-bearers of the association should bring in safety measures, subject to just exceptions of privacy of the residents... If no lifeguard is guarding the swimming pool, particularly when children are around, it is shirking of the responsibility on the part of the elected association," the court observed.

Lorry falls into Kali river as old bridge near Karwar collapses; driver rescued

Night patrol policemen, with the help of local fishermen, rescue the driver; Minister seeks action against construction company for irregularities

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

A driver along with his lorry fell into the Kali when a major bridge near Karwar in Uttara Kannada collapsed in the early hours of Wednesday. However, timely action by the police and local fishermen saved the life of the driver.

According to Superintendent of Police of Uttara Kannada Narayan M., a major portion of the bridge which connects Karwar with Goa collapsed at 1.50 a.m. At the moment, the empty lorry was crossing the bridge and it fell into the river. The 37-year-old driver, Bala Murugan, managed to come out of the lorry and sat on a portion of it that was above the water.

According to Mr. Narayan, the night patrol staff from the Chittakula Police Station noticed the bridge collapse and alerted the control room.

They also noticed the driver sitting on top of the lorry and with the help of the local fishermen, rescued him. The driver, who suffered injuries, was immediately shifted to the Karwar Institute of Medical Sciences, he said. The driver is safe now.

Following the accident, vehicular movement on the adjoining new bridge was also stopped and vehicles were diverted via alternative routes.

A portion of the old bridge across the Kali that collapsed in the early hours of Wednesday.

Minister visits

Minister for Fisheries and district in-charge Mankal Vaidya, who visited the spot, blamed the Centre for the accident. He said that despite several major irregularities in the works of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the silence of the Union government was surprising.

He told presspersons that as national highway projects come under the Union government, it has control over the NHAI and construction company IRB. Although the company had carried out the works in an unscientific manner, no action had been taken against it, he said.

The Minister said that when the new bridge was being built, heavy machinery was taken on the old bridge to execute the work.

"At Hattikeri in Ankola, a similar work was executed and the bridge collapsed there last year. Without checking the strength of the old bridge, vehicular movement was permitted. IRB's dire negligence is behind all these accidents," he said.

Deputy Commissioner of Uttara Kannada Lakshmi Priya told presspersons that NHAI authorities had been asked to check the strength and stability of the new bridge across the Kali.

Mr. Narayan told presspersons that in connection with the bridge collapse, a criminal case has been filed at the Town Police Station in Karwar against the NHAI and IRB. The case was registered based on a complaint filed by the injured driver against negligence towards highway safety, he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah telephoned the Deputy Commissioner and sought information on the incident.

MBBS students from OBC communities to stage protest seeking release of scholarship

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Thousands of students belonging to other backward classes (OBCs) who are pursuing medical courses in the State have been waiting for their scholarship from the government for the last two years. Students who are studying in the third and fourth year MBBS course alleged that the Department of Backward Classes has not released the scholarship for the second and third year and had closed the application portal for the current year even before the results were announced by the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences.

The students will be staging a protest on Thursday against the government to demand the release of the scholarship and to reopen the application portal for the current year. According to students, the government has to reimburse the fees paid by OBC students through scholarships and the amount ranges from ₹60,000 to ₹80,000 per student.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (August 8, Thursday), the following articles are available:

- Why Hasina fell? **bit.ly/hasinaprotestsexp**
- Scientists find 'hidden' hormone keeping mice mothers' bones healthy **bit.ly/hiddenhormone**

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access these articles. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access an article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated August 8, we have a story on the lack of proper cycling lanes in the city. Outer Ring Road, which once had its edges flanked by neatly earmarked cycling lanes complete with flashy barricades. But the slow transformation got nipped in the bud. Today, a few determined cyclists still risk their lives on the few unconnected stretches with no trace of those barricades.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO: 16/SBC/24 of 30.07.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the president of India, invites E- tender through e-tendering via www.ireps.gov.in for the following works.

Sl	Description of work	Approx. value
1	Repair and attention to track machine shed at Yesvanthpur,Sick Line shed at Yesvanthpur,Krishnarajapuram Diesal new shed , Krishnarajapuram Diesal old shed, Satellite Goods Terminal shed at Whitefield, IOH shed at Bengaluru yard, Bangalore Cantt. shed, IOH shed at Bangaluru, Yesvanthpur end, POH shed at Bengaluru yard in Bengaluru Division. Maintenance period is 01 month	Rs. 46,81,734.00
2	Providing side pathway for steel girder bridges in Bengaluru Division (64 bridges 135 spans). Maintenance period is 02 months	Rs. 3,42,05,566.00

Last date for submission of bid for tenders: **Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 22.08.2024**

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination/ Bengaluru

PUB/324/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
(LOSS OF DOCUMENT)

My client **V.FALAK NAAZ,** W/o.Late.Mr.M.Afaque Ahmed, Residing at Bearing # 23, 1st "C" Main, 7th Cross, BTM 2nd Stage, MICO Layout, Bangalore South, Bilekahalli, Bangalore-560 076, has lost and misplaced while travelling from Ambur to Bangalore, Original Sale Deeds 1) vide dated:27-01-1995 which is Registered as Document No.231/1994 of Book-I, by the Sub-Registrar, Ambur, and another by way of a Registered Deed of Sale vide dated:08-03-1996 which is Registered as Document No.631 of 1996 of Book-I, by the Sub-Registrar, Ambur. In respect of Immovable Property Bearing Nos.4 & 5, Sy.No.656/2 Ward-B, Block-10, Town Sy.No.42, situated at **Ambur, Presently Tirupattur District.** and another Bearing Nos.2 & 3, Town Sy.42, Sy.No.656/2, situated at Ambur, Presently Tirupattur District. which property originally belongs to her late husband **Mr.M.Afaque Ahmed.**

That the finder if any may please contact the undersigned who will be suitably rewarded for the same.

ABDUL LATEEF KHAN
M.A.,LL.B., **Advocate,**
No.16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road,
1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, B'lore-84.
M : 9845110533
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, J Rekha W/O, H Basavaprabhu R/o J Rekhaprabhu Flat No 21182.Prestige Jindal City .Manjunathnager Nagasandra. banglore 560073. have changed my name to J Rekhaprabhu for all purposes.

I, FERNANDEZ Benner J, S/o A Joseph R/a 27, Flat No 304, Span Krishna Apartments, Horamavu Agara, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560043 have changed my name to J Fernandis Benhur vide affidavit dt:07.08.2024 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, B'luru.

I, PARIMALA Purushotham, W/o Purushotham V, R/a No.10, 6th Cross, Shamanna Layout, Lokesh Tent Road, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru-560084 have changed my name to Parimala V vide affidavit dt: 07.08.2024 sworn before Notary Uday Kumar.K, B'luru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JOSHUA RAJA, R/o No. 412, Gurupriya Camation Apartment, 5th Cross, Vishwapriya Layout, 3rd Block, Begur, Bangalore-560 068, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JOSHUA RAJA RAJAN** to **JOSHUA RAJA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **JOSHUA RAJA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 07-08-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.M. CHANDRASHEKAR** at Bangalore.

SITUATION VACANT

GENERAL

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (ANIIDCO), PORT BLAIR

VACANCY NOTICE

01. Senior Manager (P&A): 01 Post
02. Dairy Technologist: 01 Post

Applications are invited for filling up of the above posts on contract basis in ANIIDCO. Detailed terms and conditions and application format can be downloaded from website **https://www.andaman.gov.in** and **http://aniidco.and.nic.in** under vacancy link. The last date of receipt of applications is 10/09/2024 (5:00 PM). For clarification contact Senior Manager (P&A): 03192-231318.

General Manager (P&A), ANIIDCO

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LUMAN De Maria Raj George, S/o Late. George A, R/a No.215, 6th Avenue Kamma Gondanahalli, Bengaluru-560015 have changed my name to Luman George vide affidavit dt: 24.07.2024 sworn before Notary Uday Kumar.K, B'luru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE FAMILY JUDGE -CUM-VI ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE: KADAPA (A.P.)

I.A. No. 49/2024
F.C.O.P. No. 116/2017

V. Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o. V. Sreekanth Reddy, D/o. K. Gopal Reddy, Hindu, aged about 47 years, Housewife, residing at Pandillapalli Village, Kamala puram Mandal, Kadapa District.

...Petitioner

Vs.

Vummadi Sreekanth Reddy, son of late V. Venkata Reddy, aged about 46 years, Hindu, working as Software Engineer at Bangalore, residing at Flat No. 013, C-Bolck, Adithya Pristine, K.M.C. Apartments, Kdugodi-67, Bangalore City, Karnataka State.

...Respondent

SUMMON TO RESPONDENT

The petitioner filed the petition in I.A. No. 49/2024 against the respondent and the case is posted for your appearance. Please take notice that the Hon'ble Court has ordered for notice to the Respondent to appear on 16.08.2024 at 10:30 A.M. in the above Court either personally or through Advocate failing which the matter will be decided ex-parte.

//BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT//

Sd/-
Smt. N. ANURADHA,
Advocate for petitioner,
Kadapa City and District

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. BE-29-2024-25-OT-18-19 (through E-Tendering)

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Tender No.	Description of work	Approx. value (Rs.)	Period of Completion
BE-29-2024-25-OT-18	Provision of Solar Roof top power plants on station buildings over Bengaluru Division.	1,68,53,788	06 Month
BE-29-2024-25-OT-19	Zonal contract for electrical works under SSE/P/SMVB (SIR M. VISVESVARAYA TERMINAL, BENGALURU) jurisdiction	33,50,095	12 Month

Last date of submission of bid for tender **Up to : 15.00 Hours on 26.08.2024**

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/General, Bengaluru

PUB/326/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25

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Tender Notice

Sealed quotations are invited for installation Construction of Vice Principal Office and Exam Cell beside Admin block at Army Public School ASC Centre & College (APS ASC C & C). Tender Enquiry/Form (also uploaded on website www.apsasc.edu.in (procurement) for reference) can be collected from school office after payment of Rs.1000/- (Demand Draft in favour of APS ASC C & C) from 08 Aug 2024 to 18 Aug 2024 (1000 hrs to 1300hrs). Last date and time to submit filled tender form is 19 Aug 2024 at 1130 hrs.

Mukhyamantri Laghu Evam Kutir Udyam Vikas Board
(Government of Jharkhand Undertaking)
4th Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Ratu Road, Ranchi 834001

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No:MMLKUVB/632 **Date: 06.08.2024**

Mukhyamantri Laghu Evam Kutir Udyam Vikas Board invites E-tenders from reputed Suppliers / Manufacturers / Distributors / Authorized Dealers for Supply, installation and commissioning of machines and equipment for the Gold and Silver Jewellery cluster at Sukrigarha, Ramgarh, Jharkhand under the SFURTI scheme of MSME, Government of India.

Time Schedule:

1.	Scope of Work	Supply, installation and commissioning of machnies and equipment for the Gold and Silver Jewellery cluster at Sukrigarha, Ramgarh, Jharkhand.
3.	Tender Fee	A non-refundable tender fee of Rs.5,900.00 (inclusive of 18% GST) (Rupees Five Thousand Nine Hundred only) payable to MUKHYAMANTRI LAGHU EVAM KUTIR UDYAM VIKAS BOARD, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India.
2.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) @ 2% of the estimated cost	Rs.92,000.00 (Rupees Ninety Two Thousand only) payable to MUKHYAMANTRI LAGHU EVAM KUTIR UDYAM VIKAS BOARD, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India.
4.	Date of publication of Bid on Website	08.08.2024
5.	Bid Document download start date	08.08.2024
6	Pre-bid meeting	12.08.2024 at 12:00 pm Online meeting link: https://meet.google.com/eip-pmww-zqv
7.	Bid submission start date	14.08.2024, 02:00 pm onwards
8.	Last date of submission of Technical & Financial Bid	29.08.2024 by 03:00 pm
9.	Opening of Technical Bid	30.08.2024 at 04:00 pm
10.	PowerPoint presentation (PPT) and Opening of Financial Bid	Shall be communicated later
11.	Name & address of Office inviting tender	**Mukhyamantri Laghu Evam Kutir Udyam Vikas Board** **4th Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Ratu Road, Ranchi 834001**

Detailed tender document, eligibility criteria etc. may be downloaded from the **website: mmlkuvb.jharkhand.gov.in/ www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in** or collected from the office of the Board during office hours in between 11:00hrs to 17:00hrs on any working day.

Mukhyamantri Laghu Evam Kutir Udyam Vikas Board reserves the right to cancel or/and postpone the tender or reject any bid without assigning any reason at any point of time or stage of the tender.

PR 332083 (Mukhyamantri Laghu And Kutir Udyam Vikas Board) 24-25 (D)

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer

Contact Detail: Mukhyamantri Laghu evam Kutir udyam Vikas Board
4th Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Ratu Road, Ranchi – 834001 (Jharkhand)
Email- contact.cmlaghukutir@gmail.com, Phone: 9102216666, 9262219999

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT BENGALURU
Karnataka B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

DRT-II

O.A. No. 1032 of 2021

Between: BANK OF INDIA, Bogadi Branch ...Applicant

And: Sri. B.E. Vinod Kumar and Another ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (Procedure) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Defendants 1 and 2:

1. Sri. B.E. Vinod Kumar S/o. B.M. Erappa, # 3/5, 1st Cross, 4th Main, N.S.Palya, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 076.

And also at: Sri. B.E. Vinod Kumar, Area Manager, Fortigo Network Logistics Pvt Ltd., #9, 2nd Floor, 5th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 095.

2. Smt. Jyothi .R W/o. Sri. B.E. Vinod Kumar, # 3/5, 1st Cross, 4th Main, Near Kaverappa Bus Stop, N.S. Palya, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 076.

And Also at: Smt. Jyothi .R W/o. Sri. B.E. Vinod Kumar, #595, 12th Cross, 29th Main Road, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore South, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru - 560 076.

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application U/s-19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of Rs.64,38,369.02 P.s (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Nine and decimal Two only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendants are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal is person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 25th September 2024 at 10.30 am (forenoon)** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 31st day of July 2024.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru - 560 025.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Office Of the Deputy Commissioner,
District Urban Development Cell, Vijayapura District, Vijayapura.
Phone No:08352-259855, Email: itstaff_dudc_bijapur@yahho.co.in, dudc_bjp@yahoo.co.in, ka.vijapura.dudc@gmail.com
Office Website: www.vijayapuradudc.mrc.gov.in

No: DUDC-5/NGRTH-4/Tender/CR-01/2022-23/201 Dated:05.08.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, DUDC Vijayapura invites Chief Minister Amrut Nagarothan (municipality) Phase-4 and 5% incentive Grants project works Tender in two cover system using KW-1 To 4 Documents for KPWD Registered Contractors and detailes

1) Kolhar TP Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24679,
2) Kolhar TP Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24681,
3) Nidagundi TP Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24684 (SC)
4) Basavana Bagewadi TMC Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24686
5) Basavana Bagewadi TMC Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/ WORK_INDENT24688 (SC)
6) Babaleshwar TP Indent No: DMA/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT24690,
7) Almel TP Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24693,
8) Tikota TP Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24556 (ST),
9) Chadachan TP Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24534,
10) Chadachan TP Indent No: DMA/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT24564,
11) Sindagi TMC Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24575
12) Sindagi TMC Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24589
13) Devar hipparagi TP Indent No: DMA/2024-25/BR/WORK_INDENT24595,
14) Indi TMC Indent No: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT24675 (SC)

Contractors who wish to participate in tender can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal at www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in For any clarification contact EE / AEE on working hours at office. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1) Tender Quarries Date: 26-08-2024 at 11.00 am 2) Last Date for submission of tenders Date: 27-08-2024 up to 17.00 hrs. 3) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) Date: 29-08-2024 after 11.00 hrs. 4) Date of Opening of Tenders (Financial Bids) Date: 31-08-2024 at 11.00 am afterwards

Addendum / Corrigendum of tenders is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
District Urban Development Cell, Vijayapur.

ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/162/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the property morefully setout in the schedule given below and hereinafter referred to as the "Schedule Property", from its owner Sri. D. Madhusudhana, Son of Sri. Sathyanarayana. D, aged about 59 years, residing at House No.1857 (Devarajanagara), 12th Ward, Veerabhadrapalya, Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural District-561203, Any person/s whomsoever having any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner or objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within seven (7) days of issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing their rights with regard to the Schedule Property. If no claims or objections are received within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that the Schedule Property is free from all acts of encumbrances or claims whatsoever of any nature and my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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Prakash Patil
Advocates and Legal Consultants
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What moral right does POCSO case-accused Yediyurappa have to seek my resignation?: CM

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking to reporters in Mysuru on Wednesday. M.A. SRIRAM

Siddaramaiah threatens to highlight the 'scams' involving Yediyurappa during the finale of the Janandolana rally in Mysuru tomorrow

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday called upon senior BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa, who has been charge-sheeted in a Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) case, to retire from public life.

Mr. Siddaramaiah, who threatened to highlight the "scams" involving Mr. Yediyurappa during the finale of the Janandolana rally in Mysuru on Friday, told reporters in Mysuru that the BJP leader is involved in 18 to 20 cases.

Pointing out that the former Chief Minister had evaded imprisonment in the POCSO case, involving a 17-year-old girl, because a court had stayed his arrest, Mr. Siddaramaiah sought to know what moral right Mr. Yediyurappa had to speak against him.

String of 'scams'

"Let him retire from public life," Mr. Siddaramaiah suggested before referring to alleged cases of corruption involving Mr. Yediyurappa, including one in which money had been accepted through cheque and a denotification case. Mr. Siddaramaiah said he would place all of them in the public domain during the Janandolana rally in Mysuru on Friday.

With regard to allegations against him over allotment of compensatory sites by MUDA to his wife, Parvathi, Mr. Siddaramaiah said he had directed the authorities against allotting sites to his wife when the application was first submitted in 2014 when he was the Chief Minister.

"I had told MUDA that that the alternative sites (in lieu of her land being used by MUDA for developing a layout) should not be allotted to her as long as I am the Chief Minister," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

On MUDA

His wife had submitted an application to MUDA in 2014 seeking alternative sites in lieu of the 3 acres and 16 guntas of land belonging to her that had been "encroached" by MUDA for developing a layout. "When the Urban Development Department authorities brought the matter to my notice, I said don't give even one gunta of land as long as I am the Chief Minister," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

His wife submitted an application again in 2021 when the BJP government was in power. The compensatory sites were allotted to her during the tenure of the BJP government and the allotment was as per the law, he added.

On the show-cause notice issued to him by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Mr. Siddaramaiah said a reply had been sent and he believed that the Governor, as a constitutional head, "would act as per law".

HDK-DKS slugfest shifts focus of padayatra away from CM

Kumaraswamy and Shivakumar have been trading barbs against each other, mostly over their personal wealth

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Union Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy with BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra during the padayatra in Mandya on Wednesday. PTI

A slugfest between two prominent Vokkaliga leaders – Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy of the Janata Dal (Secular) and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar of the Congress – is dominating the political discourse of the Bengaluru-Mysuru padayatra, launched by the Opposition BJP-JD(S) combine to primarily target Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and the Congress government he heads.

Ever since the 'Mysuru chalo' padayatra was flagged off from Kengeri on August 3, demanding the resignation of Mr. Siddaramaiah over charges of irregularities against him on the issue of site allotment by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) as well as the scam in Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd., Mr. Kumaraswamy and Mr. Shivakumar have been exchanging barbs against each other, mostly over their personal wealth.

Perfect platform

The Janandolana rallies, organised by the Congress in various parts of Ramanagara and Mandya districts to counter the Opposition's padayatra, have given Mr. Shivakumar a perfect platform to train his guns at his *bete noire* Mr. Kumaraswamy.

The bitter war of words between the two prominent leaders of the Vokkaliga community during the course of the ruling party's Janandolana rallies and the Opposition's march appears to have shifted the focus of the padayatra away from the charges against Mr. Siddaramaiah to the allegations of personal wealth accumulated by Mr. Kumaraswamy and Mr. Shivakumar's family members.

Attack and counter

Even on Wednesday when the padayatra reached Mandya town on its fifth day, Mr. Kumaraswamy chose to respond to the compilation of videos screened by Mr. Shivakumar at the Janandolana rally a day earlier on the "differences" between the alliance partners – BJP and JD(S) – as well as the "U-turns" of the JD(S) leader.

Describing the Deputy Chief Minister as "CD Shivu", Mr. Kumaraswamy dared him to play the video recordings of Mr. Siddaramaiah's statements against the Congress and party leader Sonia Gandhi when he was in the Janata Dal (S) years ago. He was responding to the past videos featuring BJP and JD(S) leaders attacking each other.

Reacting to the video in which Mr. Kumaraswamy was claiming that he would secure permission for the Mekedatu project from Prime Minister Narendra Modi within minutes if he became a Minister in the NDA government, the Union Minister said the video had been cut abruptly to remove the latter portion of his statement in which he says that the permission would be secured in minutes if the Congress convinces the Tamil Nadu government headed by its ally DMK.

The BJP does not appear to be impressed with the padayatra remaining focussed on the one-upmanship between the two Vokkaliga leaders of the Congress and the JD(S).

Addressing the gathering in Mandya on Wednesday, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok said the padayatra was not a struggle against allegations of personal wealth accumulated by either Mr. Shivakumar or Mr. Kumaraswamy, but against the "loot" by Mr. Siddaramaiah.

Even though the padayatra is scheduled to conclude in Mysuru on August 10, Mr. Ashok said their struggle would "continue till Mr. Siddaramaiah resigns" while BJP's State president B.Y. Vijayendra has been reiterating that their struggle is against the "corruption" by Mr. Siddaramaiah and his government.

The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee headed by Mr. Shivakumar announced the Janandolana rallies after the All-India Congress Committee called upon party leaders to close ranks with Mr. Siddaramaiah and stand by him against the Opposition's campaign.

Face-off between BJP and JD(S) supporters over Preetham Gowda's presence

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The presence of BJP leader Preetham Gowda at the Mysuru Chalo padayatra in Mandya on Wednesday sparked off a confrontation between BJP and JD(S) supporters.

When Mr. Preetham Gowda, who is also the former BJP MLA for Hassan, arrived in Mandya with his supporters donning saffron shawls, a group of JD(S) supporters wearing party shawls took serious exception to his presence and shouted slogans against him. Mr. Preetham Gowda's supporters too responded by shouting slogans in his favour. The confrontation between Mr. Preetham Gowda's supporters and JD (S) supporters had reached a point where members of the two groups were seen pushing one another.

Earlier, JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy had threatened to walk out of the padayatra, taking exception to the presence of Mr. Preetham Gowda at a meeting of the alliance partners convened by the BJP recently.

Mr. Kumaraswamy had blamed Mr. Preetham Gowda for the distribution of pen drives containing allegedly explicit videos involving his nephew and former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna.

Probe ordered into alleged illegal tree-cutting in Kodagu

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Eshwar Khandre

Following a report in *The Hindu* about the Forest Department allegedly granting permission to cut down 1,118 trees in a coffee plantation in Kodagu, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has ordered a Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) to probe the matter.

The report stated that the Forest Department allegedly authorised the removal of 864 trees of various species and 254 rosewood trees at Nokya, near Siddapura village in Ponnampet taluk in south Kodagu.

Following the report, Mr. Khandre ordered the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) to get a CCF to investigate the issue and submit a report within four days.

"A CCF officer should conduct the investigation and submit a report within four days. If it is found that the landowners cut down trees without proper permission, or that officials granted permission illegally, the department should take strict action against those responsible," Mr. Khandre stated in the order.

The Cauvery Sene, a Kodagu-based environmental group, has opposed the alleged decision of the Forest Department to permit cutting of trees. They argue that the area's proximity to the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, which is designated as an eco-sensitive zone by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, should warrant greater protection.

K.A. Ravi Chengappa, president of the Cauvery Sene, welcomed Mr. Khandre's decision to investigate the issue. He told *The Hindu*, "Kodagu is facing numerous environmental challenges, particularly from illegal tree-cutting. This issue needs thorough investigation. There are major timber mafias working to destroy the environment in Kodagu. We appreciate the Minister's order to address this particular issue."

CM of Madhya Pradesh meets Governor Gehlot

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Mohan Yadav, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, called on Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Mohan Yadav met Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot here on Wednesday on a courtesy visit.

Mr. Yadav is in Bengaluru ahead of the two-day interactive session seeking investments in his State. Mr. Yadav is engaging with prominent industrialists across various sectors, including IT and ITES, electronic system design and manufacturing, textiles, aerospace, defence, automobile, pharma, health care, and medical devices.

This initiative aims to promote Madhya Pradesh as a favourable investment destination and foster economic growth through strategic partnerships, said a communique.

Inspector's mobile phone stolen

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A mobile phone belonging to a Lokayukta inspector was stolen from Kumara Krupa Guest House on Sunday. Based on a complaint by P.V. Venkatesh, the High Grounds police registered a case of theft on Monday. Mr. Venkatesh said he was staying in the guest house and using the phone given to him from the office. He noticed the phone was missing at around 11 p.m.

HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
High Court Buildings, Bengaluru - 560001

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

HCC No. 10/2024 **Date: 06.08.2024**

Tender is called by the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru for procurement of 74 Nos. Multifunctional Device printers for the newly appointed Judicial Officers in the State Judiciary, through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Centre for e-Governance, Bengaluru.

Last date to upload the tender is fxed as **22.08.2024 at 4.00 PM.** For more details visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/searchTender/live website.

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(N.G. Dinesh)
Registrar (Computers) and
Tender Inviting Authority
High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/AAA/1341/2024-25

Conduct exam to fill group 'A' posts in Medical Education Dept.: Minister

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Following allegations of corruption in recruitment, Minister for Medical Education Sharan Prakash Patil on Wednesday directed department officials to fill group 'A' vacancies through a competitive exam conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA).

At a meeting with the department officials, the Minister said recruitment to fill the posts of 650 assistant professor in various government medical colleges in the State, and 1,200 posts of nurse would be done immediately. "We need to ensure transparency in the recruitment process and must fill the vacancies by conducting competitive examinations. We need to amend the recruitment bylaws to pave the way for the KEA to conduct entrance exam," he said. Officials brought to the Minister's notice that the earlier proposal sent to the KEA to conduct an exam to fill posts of nurse was returned citing the absence of C & R rules. After a discussion, Dr. Patil insisted the officials follow the C & R rules followed by the Health and Family Welfare Department.

Minister promises ₹50 lakh, job to deceased PSI's wife

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Reiterating his government's commitment to the welfare of the family of Parashuram, a police sub-inspector (PSI) who died recently under mysterious circumstances, Home Minister G. Parameshwara has said the government will provide ₹50 lakh and a job to the deceased police officer's family.

"The officer was the family's breadwinner. I will discuss this with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and take a final call. Parashuram's wife is an engineering degree holder. The family has requested me to provide her with a job at the University of Agricultural Sciences in Raichur or in Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Ltd. Since the family has sought a job in other departments, the Chief Minister will have to decide," Dr. Parameshwara told media persons after meeting the family of the deceased police officer at Somanal village in Karatagi taluk of Koppal on Wednesday.

Terming Parashuram as an honest officer, the Home Minister said the death was a loss not just to the family but also to the Police Department.

"Prashuram was a hard-working officer. He studied hard and cleared the PSI recruitment exam. He died within seven years of getting the job. He would have risen to the post of the Deputy Superintendent of Police. Parashuram's family members have alleged that the local MLA, Channareddy Patil Tunnur, and his son Sunnygouda demanded a bribe [to cancel Parashuram's transfer]. To avoid possible local pressure on the investigation, the case has been handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department. The government has taken the case seriously. The autopsy report is awaited to ascertain the cause of death," Dr. Parameshwara said.

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Dr. M.C. RAVINDRA NATH
(08-08-1950 : 09-08-2012)
A father, a friend, a mentor, a leader, an educationist,
Founder of Oxford Institutions,
Nagarabhavi & Ullal, Bengaluru.
Who inspired us in embracing core values in building and continuing his legacy.

Family: Mrs. Usha Ravindra Nath, Dr. B.R. Supreeth, Mrs. Sharada Supreeth, Dr. B.R.Prakrutha Aditya, Sri. Aditya Rao, B.S. Praanjala, B.S. Ravisimha, Chi. Avyukth
Students & Staff members.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works on **Toal Turnkey Basis** on **percentage tender basis**.

1)SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-76(10) /24-25/3381-83 **Date: 07.08.2024**

Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/23-24/EPR-05/CALL-3 Dt:06.10.2023 for the work of Repair and Reconditioning of faulty 20MVA, 66/11kV class, APEX make, Sl. No: T-903/07 Power Transformer failed at **66/11kV Kengeri Sub-station.**

2) No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-76(8) /24-25/3384-86 **Date: 07.08.2024**

Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/ EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/EPR-28/Call-09 Dt:02.09.2022 for the work of Repairs to faulty 31.5MVA, 66/11kV class, BBL make, Sl. No: 4934/20 Power Transformer failed at **66/11kV Banaswadi Sub-station.**

1) No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-76(11)/24-25/3387-89 **Date: 07.08.2024**

Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-2/23-24/EPR-06/CALL-3 Dt: 19.10.2023 for the work of Repair and Reconditioning of faulty 20MVA, 66/11kV class, BBL make, Sl. No: 4908/7 Power Transformer failed at **66/11kV Manyatha Tech Park Sub-station.**

The detailed notification regarding the subject Enquiry in the KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **08.08.2024.**

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Pedalling through the city: Bengalureans are ready, but where are the cycling lanes?

Tracking cyclists pedalling the last mile to metro stations in Bengaluru, AltMo shows that 81 registered riders have completed 694 rides covering a total of 6,517 km, saving 704 litres of fuel

Rasheed Kappan
BENGALURU

There are hundreds of Bengalureans defying the odds, braving traffic, discovering routes that are convenient and less congested. RASHEED KAPPAN

Barely six, miniscule kilometers qualify as cycling lanes in a city desperately thirsting for a sustainable way out of its mobility mess. Cycling, the world's greenest, healthiest, coolest way to beat vehicular pollution, struggles to get a foothold as Bengaluru's fledgling attempts to nurture a pedaling culture fail to take off. Is there really a way out?

Zoom into the city's Outer Ring Road, which once had its edges flanked by neatly earmarked cycling lanes complete with flashy barricades. Built by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT), these pop-up cycling lanes were to be a very visible pedal push that the city desperately needed.

But the slow transformation got nipped in the bud. Just when office-goers discovered the comfort of 'cycling to work' pedaling on those neatly laid out lanes, the massive Metro pillars edged them out. The barricades left ORR without the Bus Priority Lanes too. Today, a few determined cyclists still risk their lives on the few unconnected stretches with no trace of those barricades.

Retrofitting tracks

Is this the way to go when the Comprehensive Mobility Plan (CMP) for Bengaluru has chalked out an ambitious plan to get 600km of cycling tracks by 2035? The ORR experience shows that retrofitting existing roads with cycle tracks would be a tough task, but the DULT has proposed to do exactly that with a proposal for a 350km-network.

The task need not be Herculean if there is real commitment. Bengaluru's Bicycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran recalls how the Metro train operating on the 6.7 km stretch between M.G. Road and Baiyappanahalli once looked like a toy train. "If people had questioned the utility of that Metro based on that short stretch and ruled that no one would travel, we never would have had the large network," he contends.

To facilitate cycling to work, cycle parking infrastructure is a must in offices

Create a network

The message is clear: Unless you invest in a network of cycling lanes across the city linking places where people live and work, you cannot judge whether it is a failure or success. Says Sathya, "If you are short-sighted, build two kilometers of cycling lanes in the middle of the city and question its viability, it shows the lack of commitment to make a change. Many cities across the world are doing it differently."

This would mean not abandoning a project such as the ORR cycling lane, but exploring workarounds. There were obstacles at Marathahalli and Salem bridges, where the lanes were not continuous. These had to be addressed. The bollards separating the motorways from the cycle track had to be retained, doubled down and made even better. It has to be a continuous process. As he points out, Amsterdam is still building more cycling lanes even after 40 years.

For an experience

Beyond mobility, cycling is also a way to feel and experience the city in direct, intimate ways. For instance, getting out of a car and riding a bicycle lets you notice the lack of trees, the lack of shade, the myriad problems, while opening up opportunities to discover and interact with small shop-owners and take in the local flavour.

Bicycling mayor Sathya Sankaran from a cycling event.

Cycling to work might seem impossible today. But there are hundreds of Bengalureans defying the odds, braving traffic, discovering routes that are convenient and less congested. One of them is Shilpi Sahu, employee of a multinational company who commutes between Sarjapur Road and Whitefield. "I have been cycling for more than a decade now, mainly for work and errands. I do 10-11km in a day, three to four times a week," she explains.

Cycling to work

It was not easy even in 2010-11, when she started the cycle commute. Shilpi elaborates: "I would pedal along ORR and the interior roads of Marathahalli and Whitefield. The traffic was unpredictable, sometimes getting stuck for half an hour and more. As traffic got worse over the years, I got used to it, figuring out some cycling-friendly routes, some passing through lakes. But yes, somebody starting now will find it very tough. I just got used to it."

Years of cycling on makeshift lanes and tracks have helped her identify what exactly goes wrong in the long run. "Lanes do offer some protection for cyclists. You will not be competing with trucks and cars, but only with motorcyclists encroaching the lanes. But cycling lanes are made as a half-hearted effort. Like roads, they are never swept. All the dirt lie there. Maintenance was terrible when the ORR lanes were there, now they are gone."

Permanent barricades

The way forward is clear. As she puts it, "Lanes can't be there for 100m and then disappear. That defeats the whole purpose. Proper planning should ensure a network, linkages at junctions, like who gets the priority. Some policing should ensure that the lanes are not misused. But more than that, lanes have to be concrete, permanent. Nobody cares for the plastic bollards. It will be gone in one week."

To facilitate cycling to work, cycle parking infrastructure is a must in offices. Shilpi informs that her workplace has about 50 active cyclist employees. The office complex has parking slots with proper signage. The group has even gamified the green commute mode through monthly cycling challenges. Those with maximum kilometres are rewarded. To make it even more attractive, employees are offered flexible cycle purchase options with tax benefits.

Tiding over the infrastructure challenges, avid cyclists are making the non-motorised office commute more interesting. For instance, Sathya's Urban Morph has a cycling commute gamification tech platform called AltMo that helps companies and individuals clock miles, measure carbon footprint, participate in challenges and compete with others to do better.

Tracking office commute

The platform's leaderboard shows a total of 8,043 riders having completed 1.74 lakh cycling rides covering a total distance of 16.34 lakh km. The top-ranked Qualcomm office has 345 riders with 19,853 completed rides spanning an impressive 1.23 lakh km. Placed second on the leaderboard, Texas Instruments has 35% of its employees cycling to work.

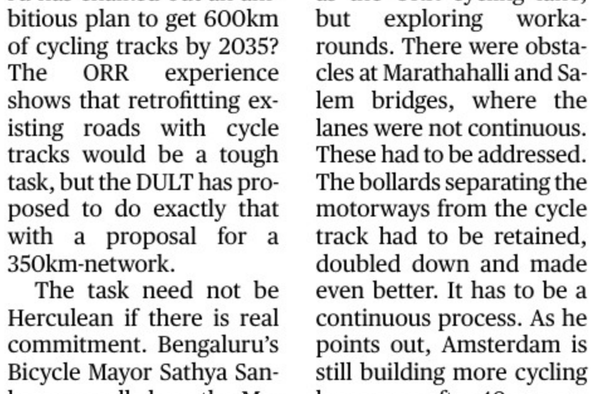
Tracking cyclists pedalling the last mile to Metro Stations in Bengaluru, AltMo shows that 81 registered riders have completed 694 rides covering a total of 6,517 km, saving 704 litres of fuel. Ride data shows that the cyclists have taken rides to 35 stations so far.

All indications are that the office-commute cyclist community is growing. An internal survey of 200 people in a city-based company showed almost 55% were ready to start cycling now. But half of them were wary of the traffic. Cycling experts say if the government ensures their safety by clearing footpaths and cycle paths with strict enforcement, this green mobility option will get a dramatic boost.

Active Urban Greenways

In terms of a policy push, the need is to take the Active Mobility Bill forward and activate the vision of 600kms put forth by the CMP. The need of the hour, as Sathya says, is to imagine 600kms of Active Urban Greenways across the city, starting with a 75km North-South and 75km East-West corridor and see how it works. These could be imagined as transport highways for cycling, with connections to Metro, suburban and bus stations along the way.

Kreative Theatre to present 'Kaaya' at Ranga Shankara



A scene from the play 'Kaaya'.

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Kreative Theatre will present a bilingual drama titled 'Kaaya' on Friday. The play, which is a new experiment inspired by Akkamahadevi's vachanas, is an attempt to give a taste of Akka's vachanas to non-Kannada audiences.

This experiment visualises Akkamahadevi's spiritual journey while exploring the meaning of Akkamahadevi's verses through singing, movement and recitations. It has been directed by choreographer Veena Basavarajaya and music has been composed by Murali Manohar Gowda.

Co-composed and acted by Lakshmi Chandrasekhar and dancers Deepti Nagendra, Priyanka Rao, Anagha Kashyap and Sripriya.

The play will be staged at Ranga Shankara, J.P. Nagar, II stage, at 7.30 p.m.

Bike rally in the city to create awareness about road safety

The event saw enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members of BMCRI

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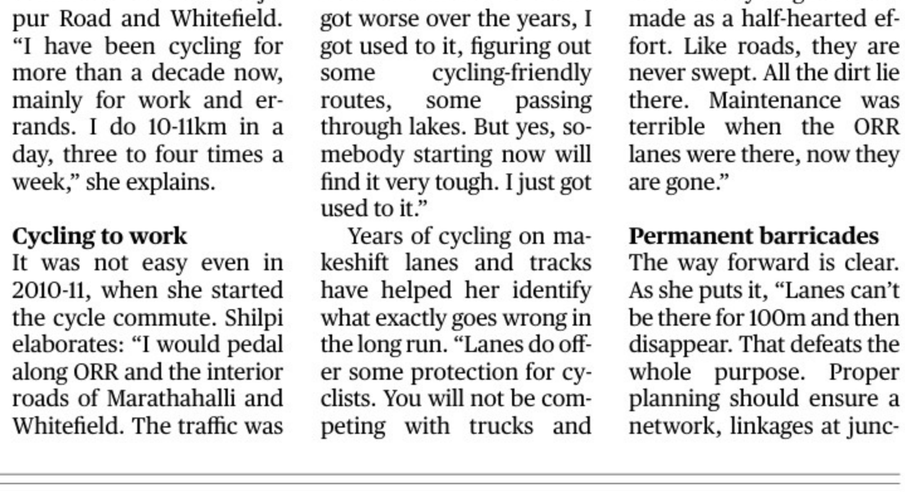
To create awareness about road safety and promote responsible riding practices to prevent bone and joint injuries, the Department of Orthopaedics in Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) and UMEED, the institute's community service club, organised a bike rally on Wednesday.

The rally was called 'Helmet- thon' to signify the importance of wearing a helmet while driving a two-wheeler. The volunteers tied yellow ribbons on their hands to signify road safety.

The rally was flagged off by BMCRI Dean and Director Ramesh Krishna K., HOD of Orthopaedic Department Putta Kempa Raju, Victoria Hospital Medical Superintendent Deepak S. and President of Bangalore Orthopaedic Society Avinash Parthasarathy.



Helmet Thon organised by Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute to celebrate National Bone and Joint Week in Bengaluru.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members of BMCRI all coming together to support the cause. The rally that commenced from BMCRI campus covered the entire area of Victoria Hospital campus where the public was encouraged to follow road safety measures. The participants held banners and placards displaying 'Safety on the Road, Assurance for Life' ; 'Speed thrills but kills'; 'Obey Traffic Signs, Arrive Safe and Sound'.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 8, 1974

Urgent need for Central Aid for S. Kanara Relief

New Delhi, Aug. 7: The floods that have hit South Kanara, the worst since 1923, have caused loss of crops and property worth Rs. 3.5 crores. The Minister for heavy Industry, Mr. T.A. Pai who returned last night to New Delhi after a three-day tour of the flood affected areas feels that the Centre should immediately assist the State in providing relief to the people as it was beyond the resources of the State Government to tackle the problem single handed.

The Prime Minister has already given Rs. one lakh from her relief fund. The Centre has also allotted 5,000 tonnes of cement to help rebuild houses, schools and other property

Kerala Police Arrest Karnataka Policemen

Kasargod, Aug. 7: Eight Karnataka Railway Policemen of Mangalore were arrested by the Kerala police at Manjeshwar in Kasaragod taluk for alleged trespassing of the border to seize rice from the railway passengers in Manjeshwar railway station, 30 kms. from here, yesterday. It is said the Karnataka Policemen in mufti tried to stop the Madras-bound Mangalore Mall at Ullal, a non-stopping station in between Mangalore and Manjeshwar by pulling the alarm chain in order to seize the rice bags.

GIG GUIDE

Strings alive!

Intense and guitar-heavy, this weekend's lineup of musical offerings aims to please a niche audience

Marta Pereira Da Costa

August 9 and 10, 9:30 pm onwards
Windmills, Whitefield
Tickets: ₹3,000 (seating), ₹1,500 (standing) via BookMyShow.com

Jazz meets traditional Portuguese music styles at guitarist Marta Pereira da Costa's concerts at Windmills. Performing on Friday and Saturday, the artiste will be joined by João Jose Pita on a seven-string guitar and Andre Sousa Machado on percussion and drums.

A description for the event from Windmills hails Da Costa as a pioneer in the world of Fado, a lamenting, melancholy style of Portuguese music that originated in the early 19th century. Da Costa has been recognised as a key artiste in redefining the Portuguese guitar's role in Fado music across the world.

The description adds, "In a domain traditionally dominated by men, she has carved a unique space for herself, bringing the instrument into the limelight. Her performances take audiences on a captivating journey through the rich tapestry of Fado and traditional Portuguese music. With a style that is both intense and dynamic, yet guided by profound sensitivity and delicacy, Marta's music is imbued with a quintessentially Portuguese essence. Her guitar strings traverse new soundscapes, blending jazz, world music, and Portuguese music while preserving the core authenticity of Fado."

Sick Society

August 10, 8 pm onwards
Bira 91 Taproom, Koramangala
Tickets: ₹499 via Skillboxes.com, plus ₹500 cover charge at the door

On the back of releasing their new song 'Soul' in late July, city-based alternative rock band Sick Society are performing at Bira 91 Taproom. The show will see them also pay tribute to American metal band System Of A Down, with an opening set from singer Roshan Daniel who will perform rock and metal songs as well.

Sick Society have been releasing music since 2020 and have already put out two full-length albums and an EP, plus a handful of singles. Vocalist Kiran Paul says, "Our new single 'Soul' showcases our evolving sound and offers a glimpse of what's to come in our upcoming albums. This track is particularly special to us; it took nearly four years to shape this sound."

In addition to Kiran on vocals, Sick Society comprises drummer Abin Thej, lead guitarist Harikrishnan PV and co-guitarist Akshay Vijay. Talking about their upcoming show this week the band says, "It's not just a gig but a celebration of our new music. We invite everyone to join us and be part of the 'Soul' release. Let's bring the music back and relive the magic of the post-grunge era together."

Bangalore Thrash Fest

August 11, 5 pm onwards
Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koraman**gala**
Tickets: ₹650 and ₹750 via Insider.in, plus ₹500 cover charge at the door

If you like your heavy metal to be fast, roaring and pummeling, thrash metal by the bucketload arrives at Fandom this week for the first edition of Bangalore Thrash Fest. Organised by Into The Pit, the lineup brings together several topline bands in Indian metal to be a part of the mix.

Pune-based trio Kasck, for example, are performing at Bangalore Thrash Fest on the back of performing at Wacken Open Air festival in Germany, while Kerala act Amorphia are just warming up before a massive Europe tour through September and October. The lineup is rounded out by local metallers Speedtrip, plus thrash metal bands such as Sabotage from Mumbai (who released their new album *Pishach* to start the year in January 2024) and Splinter from Pune.

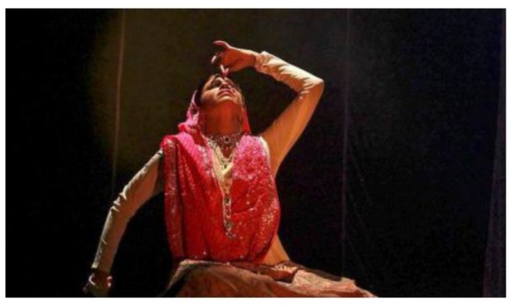
The event description adds, "This festival marks the inaugural thrash fest in the southern part of India, promising an unforgettable experience for metal enthusiasts nationwide."

All profit from ticket sales will be donated to the Kerala Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund to help efforts in the aftermath of the Wayanad landslides.

CITYBEATS

Sarod showcase

AUGUST 10
The Indian Music Experience Museum will feature a demonstration of the Shahjahanpur Gharana of Sarod, blending compositions of marching tunes, thumri, rabab, and dhrupad. Sarod exponent Chandrima Majumdar will perform pieces by Pt. Radhika Mohan Maitra, accompanied by Kartik Bhat on the tabla.
At Performance Theatre, Indian Music Experience Museum. RSVP at indianmusicexperience.org.



Tribute to a teacher

AUGUST 9
In celebration of its 60th year, the Natya Institute of Kathak & Choreography will present 'Kathak Through the Ages,' a tribute to Guru Maya Rao. Part of the 'Maya Arpan' series, this event showcases the work of students exploring Kathak's evolution. It will be an evening of homage to a transformative figure in dance.
At Chowdiah Memorial Hall, 7pm. Tickets on BookMyShow.

Journeying with food

ONGOING
Travellers Bungalow launches a new menu in celebration of its second-year anniversary, featuring 15 new categories and over 100 food and beverage options. Highlights of the menu include aromatic Thai curries, vibrant chowmein, savoury chicken espetada, classic calzones, and delectable French beignets.
At Travellers Bungalow, Indiranagar. Call 9008311005.

Screen to plate

Nidhi Adlakha

Virtual reality Chef Anumitra, Satsuki's Bento Box from *My Neighbor Totoro*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

If you are a fan of popular Japanese animation makers, Studio Ghibli, and have been virtually relishing the steaming ramen bowls and cakes seen in their films, you are in for a treat. Chef Anumitra Ghosh Dastidar of Edible Archives (Goa) and Bento Bento (Bengaluru), is recreating a few of these classic dishes at an upcoming pop-up, Studio Ghibli Food Series.

"I often try to recreate and live in the Ghibli moment, as a part of my daily practice," says Anumitra, who became a fan of Studio Ghibli when she was studying in Delhi and first saw *My Neighbor Totoro*. "We had Japanese studies departments in both Delhi University and Jawaharlal Nehru University, so I asked all my friends from those departments for recommendations and watched several others including *Spirited Away* and *Ponyo*," says the chef, who, nudged by a colleague, went on to create a pop-up menu inspired by these films.

Diners can look forward to bacon and eggs from *Howl's Moving Castle*, pancakes, bacon, sausage, and tomato from *Kiki's Delivery Service*, onigiri from *Spirited Away*, Satsuki's bento box from *My Neighbor Totoro*, and mackerel fry from *Up on Poppy Hill*, among others.

Anumitra says she got hooked to the Japanese idea of a romanticised everyday life through Studio Ghibli way before she went to Japan. "When I worked there, I paid more attention to everyday life and food, as I'd seen in the works of Hayao Miyazaki, the Studio's director. In the professional kitchen, I learnt how to make sushi, ramen, udon etc, but in everyday living, I learned about the regular hearty onigiri eaten on the go; about a Japanese-style breakfast that my landlady used to make for me; about eating in a small inn near the sea on a holiday...The familiarity of miso soup and rice came from Ghibli, and when I experienced it in Japan, or later, cooked it at home for any ordinary Wednesday dinner, I felt like I was living the Ghibli moment."

While Anumitra says trials for these dishes "have been happening in my personal kitchen for over a decade," translating it all in an Indian kitchen was not easy. "Studio Ghibli's food is the romanticised representation of comfort food for people in Japan. In India, the representation of Japanese food is sushi, sashimi, ramen.... would people here associate daily foods like pancake and sausage (*Kiki's Delivery Service*) or tomato stew with cheesy bread (*Tales from Earthsea*) with Japan?"

"In some cases sourcing was so difficult that we had to give up on some dishes, like the herring and pumpkin pie from *Kiki's Delivery Service*." The chef also enjoyed substituting certain ingredients with Indian counterparts. For instance, she is using a creamy red bean from the high-altitude areas of Arunachal Pradesh, which is a close cousin of the azuki bean otherwise used in anman (steamed buns) from *Spirited Away*.

The dishes will be served à la carte on August 10 and 11, from 11.30am-3.30 pm and 6.30 pm-10.30 pm. At Bento Bento, Indiranagar.

Paean to woman power

Shilpa Anandraj

Despite leading a hectic professional life, Resham Sahi, manages to find time to paint. The senior vice president (Technology) at Meeresk, makes her debut as a solo artist with *Mystic India*.

Resham describes the collection as a result of her love for India. "I am inspired by its richness, specifically Indian women. I portray them with a deeper intent, beyond what they wear or how they look, to how they think and act. It is more about the feelings and expression than just about the women of India. The collection is also inspired by India as a progressive, women-oriented country."

The works are a sensory feast, Resham says. "Each piece is a symphony of vivid hues and varied mediums. Resham, who lives in Bellandur, says she finds peace when she paints and it is her way to unwind. "When my neighbours see a lone light on a balcony at night, they know I am painting. In fact, it is called 'famed balcony' by residents here."

Senses and sensitivity Resham Sahi and her works. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

There will be 30 works of art on display in different mediums including water colours, acrylic and oil. Ink on paper and canvas, Resham says, is black ink on paper, which has been stuck on canvas and painted upon. "Drawing ink is tricky to work with as once you get something, it remains and can not be undone. It is a different and a difficult form of art, yet one that is free-flowing and liberating. It does not confine you to the standard ways of painting as the ink flows based on the amount of water it has and takes on different colours and textures."

Resham took to art at the age of five and has trained with many renowned artists. "I draw inspiration from my experiences, particularly being a daughter of a bold, resilient single mother and being the mother of two headstrong independent daughters. My works are influenced by women power."

Resham says she went through a series of personal challenges and moved cities. "I took to art as a form of expression and it was the easiest thing for me to do. This was not what I pursued as a career but as a serious hobby. I make time to paint during the holidays and outside of work."

Resham finds Bengaluru a vibrant city, where people are ready to explore arts. "I believe there is no better place than Bengaluru to make my debut as a solo artist."

Mystic India will be at Bangalore International Centre (BIC) Art Gallery, Domlur, from August 10 to 12, 11am to 6pm. The art works are priced ₹30,000 upwards. Call 9845025667 for details.

Case filed against KTR for flying drone at Medigadda barrage

The Hindu Bureau
JAYASHANKAR BHUPALPALLY

K.T. Rama Rao

The Mahadevpur police have registered a case against Bharat Rashtra Samithi working president K.T. Rama Rao and others for allegedly flying a drone without permission at Medigadda (Laxmi) barrage of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project across the Godavari river in Telangana's Jayashankar Bhupalpally district during their visit to the site on July 26.

A case has been registered against Mr. Rama Rao under Section 223 (b) r/w 3 (5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) based on a complaint.

Drone visuals

In the complaint, Vali Shaik, assistant executive engineer, Ambatpally Irrigation sub-division, has said Mr. Rama Rao, along with the BRS leaders Gandra Venkataramana Reddy and Balka Suman, among others, visited the Medigadda barrage.

He said he had apprised the higher authorities of the matter after watching the drone visuals of the BRS leaders' visit to the barrage. He sought action against the persons responsible for flying a drone over the barrage without permission.

Declare Wayanad landslides national disaster, says Rahul

The Leader of the Opposition in the LS asks the Centre to provide a comprehensive rehabilitation package; he commends Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana governments for their assistance

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi speaks in the House during the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday urged the Union government to declare the recent lanslides in Kerala's Wayanad as a national disaster and demanded a comprehensive rehabilitation package.

Mr. Gandhi, speaking during Zero Hour, also demanded higher compensation for the people affected. Pointing out that the landslides had cut off vital roads, that further intensified the crisis, he urged the government to build disaster-resistant infrastructure.

"I visited many different places where the disaster took place. In some cases, an entire family is gone, with just one person remaining, sometimes an adult or a child," the Congress leader said, emphasising the need to declare the Wayanad landslides a national disaster.

"With more than 200 dead and a vast number missing, the eventual casualty count may exceed 400," Mr. Gandhi added.

The Congress leader commended the work of the State governments of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana for their assistance as well the Central forces and the Army that helped in the rescue operations.

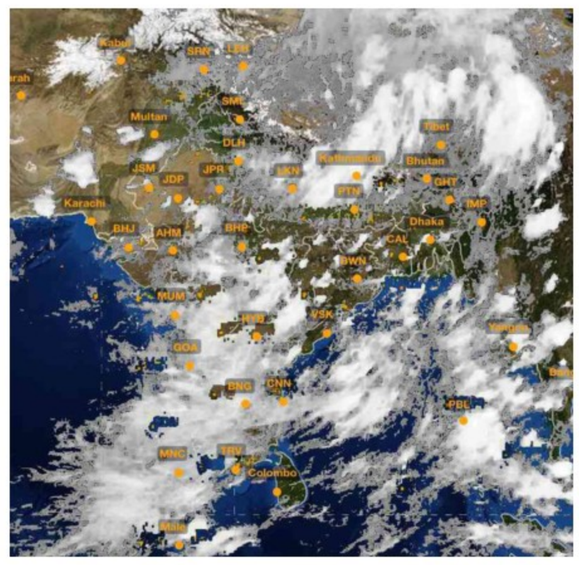
Meanwhile, the search for the bodies of the missing people continued on Wednesday, the ninth day after the tragedy. The Wayanad district administration released a list of those missing in the landslides. The draft list containing 138 names was published as part of the government efforts to trace them.

A team of government officials under the supervision of District Collector D.R. Meghashree prepared the list after examining ration cards and voters' list.

(With inputs from Wayanad)

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram. Squally weather with wind speed reaching 35 kmph to 45 kmph likely to prevail over northeast and adjoining northwest Arabian sea, off Sri Lanka coast.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.0	26.5	Kozhikode	—	32.2	25.2
Ahmedabad	0.8	32.0	26.0	Kurnool	23.0	28.4	24.1
Aizawl	7.0	32.6	23.6	Lucknow	21.0	32.7	25.5
Allahabad	71.0	31.0	25.4	Madurai	21.0	38.5	24.5
Bengaluru	2.0	26.0	20.3	Mangaluru	38.0	28.8	23.8
Bhopal	2.0	29.8	24.0	Mumbai	4.0	31.2	25.5
Bhubaneswar	40.0	30.0	24.5	Mysuru	—	29.2	—
Chandigarh	17.0	31.8	26.1	New Delhi	0.2	31.7	26.0
Chennai	8.0	36.4	25.0	Patna	1.2	33.8	26.6
Coimbatore	—	31.0	22.6	Port Blair	29.0	30.5	24.6
Dehradun	27.0	28.2	23.8	Puducherry	3.9	35.1	23.0
Gangtok	41.0	22.2	18.4	Pune	—	29.1	24.1
Goa	62.0	26.6	24.5	Raipur	4.8	27.5	23.7
Guwahati	0.5	35.2	25.9	Ranchi	7.0	28.2	23.8
Hubballi	—	26.0	22.0	Shillong	0.8	24.8	16.9
Hyderabad	2.0	27.6	23.8	Shimla	28.0	22.0	16.2
Imphal	—	31.0	22.5	Srinagar	—	31.1	21.6
Jaipur	2.0	28.4	24.9	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.8	24.2
Kochi	0.2	29.6	25.0	Tiruchi	7.0	35.7	24.6
Kohima	3.0	23.0	18.0	Vijayawada	47.0	28.8	24.0
Kolkata	7.0	31.4	27.3	Visakhapatnam	0.4	31.4	27.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.36	..10	55	 56	89	
Bengaluru	.12	..25	55	..... —	86	
Chennai	...6	6	61	... 145	...124	
Delhi	.13	..13	53	 37	...156	
Hyderabad	.12	..10	33	 38	78	
Kolkata	...8	..55	16	 35	44	
Lucknow	.10	8	30	 38	82	
Mumbai	...2	..29	15	 32	57	
Pune	..—	..—	64	 21	34	
Visakhapatnam	.10	..38	27	 37	82	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Meghalaya recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 145 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ariyalur, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 18.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Women outnumbered men in living organ donations last year

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

Women led the way in living organ donation, offering patients suffering from end-stage organ failure a new lease of life.

Data released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare show that the number of women living donors was 9,784 last year compared to 5,651 men. A lone transgender contributed an organ to save the life of another human being, taking the total number of living donors in the country in 2023 to 15,436.

The total number of organ transplants, taking into account both living and deceased donors was 18,378, the highest ever.

The statistics revealed that the number of deceased donors was much higher among men, with 844 persons donating their organs, while women accounted for 255 such donations. The total (living and deceased) number of kidney transplants from January to December was 13,426, followed by liver and heart transplants at 4,491 and 221, respectively.

With an intensive awareness campaign on the issue under way in recent years, the nation saw a significant jump in the number of organ donations, which stood at 4,990 in 2013. However, the organ donation rate still continues to be less than one per million population.

Releasing the data, the Health Ministry said there was a need to promote organ donation from deceased persons to address the huge organ requirement.

It was reiterated that a living donor, after the age of 18 years or above, could donate either one kidney or part of liver only. A brain dead donor of any age, however, could donate heart, two lungs, liver, two kidneys, pancreas and small intestine, and cornea, bone, skin, heart valves, etc. After natural cardiac death, only tissues can be donated.

To facilitate organ donation in medico-legal cases like road accidents, the Centre had issued a circular to create a facility for round-the-clock post-mortem in the hospitals having adequate infrastructure. As part of the "*Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*" (75th anniversary of Indian Independence), organ donation was showcased as "*Jan Andolan*" (people's movement).

Telangana topped the country in organ donation with 252 cadaver donors, followed by Tamil Nadu and Karnataka with 178 cases each.

In the number of kidney transplants, Delhi stood ahead of others with 2,576 cases while Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra reported 1,633 and 1,305 cases. Tamil Nadu reported the highest number of heart transplants, with 70 cases last year.

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru – 560 009.

Short Term Tender Notification

Karnataka Housing Board invites tender from the eligible Pre qualified contractors in Karnataka Housing Board through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.
Last date for submission of bid: 21.08.2024 up to 4:00 p.m.

Name of the Work : Providing 2 Nos of 11 KV, feeder line by using HT UG Cable & 2 Nos of MCVCB Switch Gears pertaining to the Composite Housing Scheme at Devagiri, Yallapura & Karjagi-Haveri District. Tender Reference No. : KHB/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT196 & IFT No. 23/2023-24 Date: 07.08.2024, Rs. 4,66,88,379/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru,**Telephone No. 080-22273511/080-22100077 website: https:// kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
DIPR/CP/RO1342/AAPL/2024-25 **Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru.**

Karnataka State Archives Department
Office of the Director, Karnataka State Archives Department, Vikasasoudha, Bengaluru.

Tender No: KSAD/2024-25/SE0003 **Date: 06.08.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender has been invited for Scanning, Indexing and COM work of Historical Important Records available in Karnataka State Archives Department for the year 2024-25. E-Tenderers and organizations who are registered in the e-Procurement of the e-Governance Department, Government of Karnataka, may apply as follows through e-Procurement only.

1.	Tender Starting Date	**06.08.2024, 12.30** p.m.
2.	Pre-bid meeting Date	**13.08.2024, 12.30** p.m.
3.	Last date for submitting Tender	**20.08.2024, 05.30** p.m.
4.	Opening of Technical Bid	**22.08.2024, 12.30** p.m.
5.	Opening of Financial Bid	**23.08.2024, 03.00** p.m.

Tenderers who wish to participate in the tender, may obtain the details of eligibility and conditions etc., from e-procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For more information E-Procurement Office can be contacted at Telephone No: +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/MAA/24-25 **Director**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PWD Ramanagara Special Division, Ramanagara.

Tender Notification No. : 03/2024-25 **Date : 06-08-2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited in **Single Cover System** from the eligible contractors for **09 works of Rs. 225.00 Lakhs to 500.00 Lakhs** through e-procurement portal as per the Standard Bid Documents. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

1) Documents may be Downloaded from 13-08-2024 to 12-09-2024, 2) Last Date for Submission of Tender 12-09-2024 upto 16.00 hours. 3) Date of Pre-Bid Meeting : 02-09-2024 at 11.30 hours, 4) Date of Opening of Technical Bid 13-09-2024 (If possible) at 16.30 hours.

Tender Processing Fees, EMD as per E-procurement. For more information contact the undersigned during Office Hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Ramanagar/220/Manipal/2024-25 **PWD, Special Division, Ramanagara.**

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Vide this office tender notification date:30.07.2024, To supply of Food and other materials for Pre-metric and Post metric Hostels under the Backward Classes Welfare Department in Haveri district for the year 2024-25 and 2025-26, e-procurement tender invited in two cover system by eligible, registered agencies/organizations subject to conditions. Following schedule may changes due to technical problem in e-procurement.

1	Date of receiving of appalications through e- procurement	30-07-2024
2	Tender Estimate Amount	Rs: 28,31,00.000/-
3	Pre bid meeting date and time	08-08-2024 11:30am
4	Last Date for submission of filled tenders through online	02-09-2024 5:00pm
5	Technical Bid Opening Date	04-09-2024 /05:00pm (subject to change, Date and Time)
6	Financial Bid Opening Date	12-09-2024 /11:30pm (subject to change, Date and Time)
7	EMD Amount	Rs: 28,31,000/-
8	Venue of opening of tenders & address for communication	District Officer, Backward Classes welfare Dept, Room No. 26, B Block, DC Complex Haveri (Devagiri) Phone: 08375-249008

(Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Sd/-
District Officer,
Backward Classes Welfare Dept.
DIPR/Haveri/204/2024-25/DeshpandePublicity **Haveri**

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Civil Engineering Department, Central Office, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027.
No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/692/2024-25 Dated: 06.08.2024

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 10 /2024-25

The tenders are invited for **Third party inspection** for the work of (1) Providing cement concrete pavement to the parking area and other developmental works at Depot-51, Sadarmangala, Bengaluru. (2) Infrastructure Developmental works for EV Charging station parking area and concreting the parking area at Depot-12, Kengeri, Bengaluru. (3) providing cement concrete pavement to the parking area and other developmental works at Depot-48, Byrathi, Bengaluru on **lumpsum basis** from reputed Agencies / Firm / Engineer and practicing Civil Engineers for construction work Supervision, Quality control, Testing of materials & Certification of work measurements etc.

1. Last date of receipt of tender: **14.08.2024,** Date of opening of tender: **16.08.2024.** 2. Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer during working hours or through website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intent to purchase and register the sale deed, in respect of the schedule property with the present owner **POORNIMA MUNISWAMY**, W/o Srikrishna .T Iyengar. Residing at No. 486, 80 Feet Road, HMT Layout, R.T. nagar Post, Bangalore - 32. Any person/s, financial institution, banks, having or claiming any manner of right, title lien or interest in respect to the schedule property, may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim within 7 days from the date of this publications. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right title & interest by anybody & my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction & thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Agricultural Dry Land Sy. No. 45/3, measuring an extent of 20 guntas, excluding 2 guntas kharab land & Sy. No. 45/2, measuring to an extent of 3 acres 35 guntas, excluding 4 guntas kharab land & Sy. No. 45/4, measuring to an extent of 1 acre, excluding 4 guntas kharab land, all situated at THIMMASANDRA VILLAGE, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and bounded on the : **East By : Government Road, West By: Land Sy. No. 44, 45/2, North By : Land Sy. No. 45/1, 45/4, 45/7, 45/8, 45/9, 45/10, South By: Land Sy. No. 45/3, 45/2, 46, 47**

H. A. AMARNATH , Advocate
#272, 2nd Block Rt Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032.
Mobile NO: 7899865859 | 9902775522

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division
Office of the Executive Engineer, RDWS&SD, Chikodi.
Phone : 08338-275101, E-mail : ee.rdws.ckd@gmail.com

No. : E.E./R.D.W. & S./DN-C.K.D./P.B./KW 3 & 4/Tender/2024-25/36/791 Date : 05-08-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement Only)

Tenders are invited on behalf of the Governor of Govt of Karnataka according to KTTP act 2000 through e-procurement Portal for the below mentioned works.

Work Indent No: No 8022/Call-3

Calendar events are as follows :

1) Date of Pre Bid Meeting : 08-08-2024 Time 11.00 a.m., @ EE R. D. W. & S. Division, Chikodi, 2) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders through e-portal 09-08-2024 upto 17.00 hours, 3) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : on 12-08-2024 at 17.30 hours, 4) Date of Opening of Financial Bid on after approval of Technical Bid.

Other conditions & eligibility criteria etc are as published in e-procurement portal. More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through **Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Belagavi/555/Manipal/2023-24 **R. D. W. & S. Division, Chikodi.**

SBI **Premises & Estate Department, State Bank of India, 2nd Floor, New Annex Building, #65, St. Marks Road, Bengaluru-560001**
Tele:080-25943024
Email: agmpre.lhoban@sbi.co.in

PRE – QUALIFICATION OF CIVIL CONTRACTORS

SBI Invites applications for pre-qualification of Civil contractors for the proposed construction of building for DAC of 2,583sq.m at Financial City, KIADB Hardware Park, Bagaluru, Bengaluru North. For details and to download application, log on to https://bank.sbi under: 'SBI in the News > Empanelment of Vendors'. The last date for submission is on or before 06.09.2024 at 17:00hrs. Corrigendum, if any will be published in the Bank's website only.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 08.08.2024 **Assistant General Manager (P&E)**

Office of the Controller of Legal Metrology
No.1, Ali Asker Road, Bengaluru - 560 052.
e-mail: clm-lm-ka@nic.in Phone: (080) 22253500

No: KaMAE/Ba.Moo.Se/CR-20/2024-25 **Date: 05.08.2024**

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Regarding availing services for the vacancies available at State Government Legal Metrology Department, Bangalore City and District Headquarter/Taluk Offices for Typists, (Computer Operator), Drivers, Crane Lorry Drivers, Crane Lorry Assistants, and Group 'D' posts (from external source) through an Outsourcing Agency.

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System)

Calendar of Events: Bidding Schedule: 1) Free download of tender form from e-Portal website: **05.08.2024.** 2) Pre-bid meeting: **13.08.2024, 12.00 noon.** 3) Last date for submission: **21.08.2024, 5.30 p.m.** 4) Opening of Technical Bid: **23.08.2024, 11.00 a.m.** 5) Opening of Financial Bid: **30.08.2024, 11.00 a.m.** 6) Estimated Tender Amount (Annual): **Rs.2,37,83,638/-.** 7) EMD: **Rs.3,56,755/-.** 8) Place of opening of bids: Office of the Controller of Legal Metrology, Mapana Soudha, 4th Floor, No.1, Ali Asker Road, Bengaluru-560 052. Telephone: 080-22253500.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/1332/MAA/24-25 **Controller, Legal Metrology Department**

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ಸಂ:ಮನಸ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ಜೆಇ.4/ಟೆಂಡರ್-04/2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 07-08-2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2024-25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದ ನಿರ್ಬಂಧಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಮೂಲ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಮತ್ತು ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮ 2000ಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ (ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-1) ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯಂತೆ KPP ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು KPP ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡು ನಂತರ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು KPP ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರಣೆ, ನಿಬಂಧನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್, ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಪಾವತಿ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕೊಡಗು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಸಹಿ/- ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ.

Under overlords

Court ruling on aldermen shows Delhi's vulnerability to Centre's dominance

The Supreme Court of India's verdict holding that the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi exercises independent authority while appointing aldermen to the Delhi Municipal Corporation, underscores the utter vulnerability of the elected Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi to central overlordship. The judgment by a three-judge Bench rightly relies on the letter of the law governing Centre-Delhi government relations, as well as earlier judgments that sought to strike a balance between the elected regime and the appointed administrator. The final outcome of the latest round of litigation is not surprising, given that Delhi is a Union Territory, but it raises questions about the relevance of having an elected Assembly for Delhi. The Court held that the Lt. Governor's power to appoint persons with special knowledge in municipal administration is his statutory duty, and is not one that he should exercise on the basis of advice from Delhi's Council of Ministers. The power is an exception to the constitutional provision that says the L-G is bound by the aid and advice of Delhi's Council of Ministers on all matters in the State and Concurrent Lists, except for the subjects of public order, police and land. The Court has rejected the Delhi government's argument that municipal administration, being a State subject, the L-G could not have acted on his own.

Tracing the nature of the appointing power to the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, as amended in 1993, a law enacted by Parliament, the Court noted that the Act identifies different authorities, each with distinct roles. While the Administrator was empowered to nominate 10 persons with special knowledge, the Speaker could nominate some legislators to serve on the Corporation by rotation. And that this showed that it was an independent statutory power. A Constitution Bench had sought in 2018 to lay down a framework to avoid escalation of issues arising from differences of opinion between the L-G and the Chief Minister. Such differences, as well as political acrimony between the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party at the Centre and the Aam Aadmi Party in Delhi, have been the principal driving force behind multiple conflicts and legal tussles over governing Delhi. However, in the ultimate analysis, it is the Centre that enjoys the final say. As the latest verdict on aldermen shows, the Constitution allows Parliament power to enact laws in respect of any matter on which the Delhi Assembly has jurisdiction, unlike other States which have an exclusive legislative domain. Parliament can also amend or supersede any law made by the Delhi Assembly. As legislative and executive powers are coextensive, this effectively means that the Delhi government can be undermined in any way the Centre wants.

A case of excesses

Puja Khedkar's entry in civil service calls into question the recruitment process

Even one egregious violation of the rule can cast shade on the entire process. In what has emerged as the outlandish tale of Puja Khedkar, the multiple methods by which she stepped outside the law would be fantastic, if they had not been proven true. However, having pulled wool over the eyes of the entire Union Public Service Commission recruitment infrastructure, by conniving and scheming, it is a scene too chilling for comfort. She claimed mental illness, and visual impairment, faked a community certificate, used a disability certificate to get chosen, having scored a rank that would have otherwise put her out of the reckoning. Meanwhile, the hospital in Pune which issued her a disability certificate said it had certified a 7% locomotor disability and that would have been practically useless in gaining concessions, as a higher degree of disability was required to benefit. Considering how persons with a true disability must jump through hoops to merely get the disability certification, her ease of getting the certificate while faking disability, raises the question: are some more equal than others? She milked the privilege stemming from her father's position in the civil services to commandeer a series of benefits that she might have otherwise had no access to. Contributing to her infamy is her fabricated OBC certificate; using multiple identities to write the tests, claiming falsely that her parents were divorced to overcome the creamy layer exclusion criteria. The scarier fact is that none of this would have come to light had Khedkar not indulged flamboyantly in perks not assigned to her station as a probationer – she installed a beacon on her private luxury sedan and illegally stuck a Maharashtra government sticker on it. She will soon receive an order cancelling her candidature.

It has admittedly not been a good year for qualification examinations in the country, with controversies dogging medical admissions with NEET UG, NEET PG and the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admission into central universities. There is no merit in arguing that she might be just one aberration, because her excesses and those of her parents' have happened as the UPSC remained completely oblivious and unable to detect fraud. This is not excusable. The government now needs to ensure that the entire competitive examination system receives a thorough overhaul. Administrators and systems must not be gullible or unequipped to meet new challenges thrown up by contestants and emerging technology. Meanwhile, with this incident as the peg, the government must cast its eye on the disability certification process, making sure that genuine applicants are fairly dealt with.

The leader who lost touch with Bangladesh

Subir Bhaumik

a veteran BBC journalist and author. He has served as Senior Editor in the Dhaka-based bdnews24.com)

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's unceremonious exit from power and the country has been too sudden and swift. Many are still trying to comprehend how the "Iron Lady", seemingly in complete control until the student movement intensified, could be compelled to step down and even leave Bangladesh. Not that her leaving the country has cooled tempers. Far from it. Bangladesh has descended into chaos and mindless bloodletting, driven by a wild urge for vendetta. Ms. Hasina's partymen, religious minorities, policemen and border guards have been targeted, leaving dozens dead and hundreds injured, not to speak of the huge loss of property. The most worrying part is the systematic attacks on police stations and the looting of weapons by elements believed to be religious radicals.

There is a strange repeat of history for Sheikh Hasina. In August 1975, with almost her entire family , including her great father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, dead in a bloody coup, Sheikh Hasina and sister Rehana had to seek shelter in India. That was made possible on the personal intervention of then Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who shared a great personal bond with Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The only difference is that in 1975, Ms. Hasina was a housewife and a daughter of a great leader who had led his people to freedom. But now, Ms. Hasina has been one of the world's longest serving women leaders, having served four full five-year terms as Prime Minister.

Development but also a disconnect

One could easily blame her predicament on stars and dwell on astrological calculations, but Ms. Hasina's fall has happened because of a growing disconnect with the masses – the undoing of many leaders who swing towards authoritarian governance. Ms. Hasina has presided over a decade of exceptional economic turnaround for Bangladesh when the country's per capita income surged past India's and there was a huge boost in infrastructure – ports, roads, railway expansion and power generation. The country's human development indicators also showed marked improvement, specially in areas such as women's education and health. Bangladesh was close to becoming the world's top garment exporter and remittance incomes surged as the diaspora, hopeful of the country's future, sent more money back home.

The iconic 6.15 kilometre bridge on the mighty Padma river, which Ms. Hasina pushed through with Bangladesh's own funds, was completed in her time , raising hope of greater connectivity with 21 districts and a boost to the country's GDP. At one point, Ms. Hasina came to believe that if she delivered on development, she could get away with the country's growing democracy deficit.

> Sheikh Hasina presided over the country's exceptional economic turnaround but paid a heavy price for losing the mass connect that once propelled her to high office

Her detractors blame her for three less than fair elections marred by large-scale rigging that did not reflect the ground realities in Bangladesh. She was also accused of turning Bangladesh into an one-party police state like Hosni Mubarak's Egypt, where extra-judicial killings, enforced disappearances and the muzzling of the Opposition by large-scale arrests, often on trumped-up charges, became a recurring feature. In a way, this democracy deficit affected the Awami League more than the Opposition. With victory in elections a foregone conclusion, the Awami League had lost the urge to spot and promote popular leaders with a strong mass connect, who were capable of holding the ground in any crisis such as the one presented by the recent anti-quota student protests.

Awami League's transformation, politics

In fact, during the last decade, the Awami League's leadership character underwent a massive transformation. Once the party of the poor and the middle class, the Awami League was led by ideologically-driven middle-class leaders respected at the grassroots – teachers, professionals and lawyers. But in the last decade, businesspersons had begun to muscle their way into the party leadership, bribing their way to secure nominations for Parliament seats. They had very little connect with the grassroots let alone the party's own organisation. The only way they could win elections after securing nominations through doubtful means was to grease the palms of the police and civil bureaucracy and hire musclemen to help rig the elections.

Many of these businessmen-turned-politicians also sullied the party's image with their nexus to organised crime and corruption.

All this while, Sheikh Hasina also came to repose lesser trust in the party old guard and turned more and more towards some of these business tycoons. One of the worst bank defaulters of the country, also accused of large-scale money-laundering, was inducted into the Prime Minister's council of advisers. He became such an independent power centre that many began to call him the 'deputy PM".

Bangladesh's economic growth was adversely impacted by this burgeoning corruption and badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Unemployment soared dangerously, with 30 million now jobless in a population of 170 million. Foreign exchange reserves have fallen by 44% in three years, raising apprehensions of Bangladesh's capacity to pay back loans taken from multilateral organisations. The value of the Bangladesh Taka has dropped 28% this year. Spiralling inflation and price rise, often attributed to the growth of ruling party-backed extortion syndicates who fleece businesses, turned the country into a boiling cauldron waiting for a trigger to light up.

A mishandling

That happened with the anti-quota protests and its mishandling by Ms. Hasina and her inner coterie. On June 5, the High Court upheld the quotas in government jobs, triggering furious student protests who wanted them abolished to pave the way for a merit-based system. Ms. Hasina's government had agreed to scrap the quotas in government jobs (56% in all, 30% for descendants of 1971 freedom fighters) during the 2018 student agitation but a case was filed challenging the government's decision. All that Ms. Hasina had to do was to bring the student leaders to the table and assure them of challenging the High Court's decision in the Supreme Court, which her government ultimately did.

Instead, she initially ignored the protests. Then, a comment of hers upset the students when she said: " If not for descendants of freedom fighters, should we create quotas for those of Razakars". Razakar is a derogatory word in Bangladesh, denoting those who backed the Pakistan Army's suppression campaign during the 1971 Liberation War. As the movement intensified, Ms. Hasina resorted to a brutal crackdown by the police and her own student wing, the Chhatra League. That proved counterproductive and the situation spun out of control. In the end, Ms. Hasina paid a heavy price for her arrogance of power, for losing the mass connect that had once propelled her to high office. It is no mean feat for a traditional housewife to take on her father's mantle after the assassination of almost her entire family and bring to power a party that had been badly demoralised by a bloody 1975 coup. But, in the end, the loss of that mass connect proved to be her undoing.

A closer look at beefing up Jammu's counter-terror grid

Colonel Shashank Ranjan

a retired Infantry officer with substantial experience of having operated in counter-terror operations in the Jammu region to include command of a Rashtriya Rifles battalion. He teaches at O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonepat, Haryana

For the last couple of years, the Jammu region has been in the news for all the wrong reasons, and more so over the last few months. Security forces have suffered irreparable losses in their pursuit of terrorists who are active – this includes freshly infiltrated cadres – and, as usual, backed by Pakistan. One of the major factors that emerged as the attribute was the weakened counter-terrorism grid resulting from troops from the Jammu region being re-deployed on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), following the Galwan incident of June 2020. In order to tide over this particular challenge, additional troops, to include Special Forces teams, have been inducted in the region to fill the void. This daily had a report on this, titled "Around 3,000 Army troops, 500 special forces inducted into Jammu area", July 19, 2024).

Recently, news of Assam Rifles troops being inducted in the Jammu region to strengthen the counter-terror operations in the region has been reported by various news agencies, electronic and print. This daily had a report on this too – "CRPF to replace two battalions of Assam Rifles in Manipur; Kuki-Zo groups oppose the move", August 1, 2024). These reports, obviously and correctly so, highlight the seriousness on the part of the government *vis-à-vis* the increasingly deteriorating security scenario in the entire Jammu region, from Kathua to Poonch and also the Chenab valley comprising Doda and the adjoining sub-regions. However, there are several connotations to inducting troops from outside the region towards beefing up the counter-terrorism grid.

Establishing a grid

A counter-terror deployment grid entails units and sub-units deployed in a manner to dominate the likely vulnerable areas that have the potential to offer terrorists freedom of movement. The establishment of a grid is based on threat perceptions carried out by the Army based on factors such as terrain, vulnerable areas, and even inclination of the local population, i.e., whether the population is supportive or otherwise. The sub-units, having been deployed as part of the grid, embark on the mission of hunting for terrorists by undertaking tactical operations based on psychological aspects such as people friendliness.

> There are several connotations to inducting troops from outside the region, but the message is clear – there is a seriousness to handling the security scenario

The knowledge of the terrain and winning the hearts and the minds of the people form the basis of operations mentioned above. Given the nature of the tasks at hand, the entire process is well thought through, deliberate and time consuming. Sub-unit commanders gain the confidence of the people by their operational conduct so as to get the local population on their side with the eventual aim of gaining information on terrorists who may be active in the area.

The challenges

As per the classical teaching of counter-insurgency/counter-terrorism, the local population is seen divided into three sub-sets. One minority sub-set each that supports the state and the terrorists, respectively, and a majority that is, by and large, neutral. The success of security forces depends on sustaining the support of the minority that they already have and winning over the neutral majority, thereby winning over two-thirds of the local population. The Indian Army has been combating insurgencies/terrorism based on operations by Infantry or Rashtriya Rifles units, deployed in a grid. The deployed grid in the hinterland supports the counter-infiltration deployment on the Line of Control, forming multi-tiered arrangements.

In the context of additional troops being inducted, it is noted that the newly-inducted troops shall have a challenging task at hand to orient themselves and settle down in the respective area of responsibility. In doing so, one has the inescapable requirements of knowing the area, knowing the local population and, most importantly, winning them over. It is much more than merely the mathematics of having an accretion. These challenges, to a certain extent, could be mitigated if the newly-inducted troops are superimposed on the already deployed units and sub-units rather than being deployed in an independent manner. As far as possible, the new body of troops in an area should be deployed as sub-units under the respective leaders, and not in a piecemeal manner aimed at numerical increase.

Operation Dudhi

Lastly, *vis-à-vis* the Assam Rifles unit that is likely to be deployed, and as reported in recent media reports, it is not the first time that Assam Rifles units are being inducted in Jammu and Kashmir. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Assam Rifles units were deployed in the Valley and had performed gallantly as integral units. The successful Operation Dudhi, in May 1991, in the general area of Chowkibal by 7 Assam Rifles is still remembered as one of the most successful operations.

The hallmark of Operation Dudhi was that this was mainly conducted under the commanding officer of the battalion with his sub-units playing the major role. The major lessons that emerge are that commanding officers need to be trusted and allowed to control and conduct operations. However, of late, due to the relatively decreasing intensity of operations, any developing operation these days tends to go into the control of command beyond the battalion level, thus adversely affecting seamless control.

In a nutshell, an additional unit inducted needs to be deployed and tasked as an integral body of troops and must be allowed sufficient time to gain control in the new area, supported by the existing command structure of brigades/sectors – against a mathematical distribution and deployment that is bound to be counter productive. It has to be realised that the security forces are in this for a long haul, and expecting snap outcomes will be detrimental in all respects.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bangladesh, the lessons

Without wanting to blame the present regime, many lessons have to be learned from the unfortunate turn of events in Bangladesh. Democracy does not end with elections; it starts at this point. There should be an element of inclusiveness in one's functioning. Depriving a section of society is not democracy. In Bangladesh, a section of the students was kept out when they were unemployed, which created intolerance. All sections of society, including the Opposition parties, should be taken into confidence. Draconian pieces of legislation should be repealed. They are anachronistic and have no place in a functioning democracy. There should be a larger space for dissent. The events in Bangladesh are relevant for our thinking. These are all sombre lessons that would lead towards a better democracy. They should not be only the concern of the External Affairs Ministry and the Home Ministry.

N.G.R. Prasad,
Chennai

Torturous path

It is very hard to visualise the kind of agony Indian woman wrestler Vinesh Phogat must be undergoing now. But I was shocked to learn about the self-inflicted torture athletes undertake in their quest to victory, orchestrated by the accompanying team.

R. Ramani,
Chennai

Bank's mobile app

I write this letter as the Assistant General Manager, Corporate Communications Department, Indian Bank, at its corporate office in Chennai. In response to a letter by a reader on the bank's apps, 'IndSMART' and 'IndOASIS' ('Letters to the Editor', *The Hindu*, August 5), Indian Bank would like to assure its customers that it takes their concerns seriously — as expressed in the letter. The new mobile app, 'IndSMART', is an advanced version of the 'IndOASIS' app. Customers are being notified through SMS, WhatsApp, and the bank's social media channels, requesting them to switch to and explore the features in the app. A pop up message has been placed in the existing 'IndOASIS' app to prompt an upgrade to the 'IndSMART' app by downloading it from the Playstore/App store. The bank's call centre team has been reaching out to customers, and there has been a positive response. The 'IndOASIS' app remains active. The facility for registration with 'IndSMART' is available through CIF and is enabled at the bank's branches, ensuring the safety and convenience of customers. The option of self-registration will also be enabled shortly.
The bank looks forward to feedback. The bank would also like to assure its customers that it will continue to keep them informed about new functionalities or improvements made to the app that will enhance their banking experience.

Pavan Kumar Saxena,
Chennai

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Court shifts the tide on stray dog policy

"Under all circumstances, there cannot be any indiscriminate killings of canines and the authorities have to take action in terms of the mandate and spirit of the prevalent legislations in place."

With this single line, the Supreme Court of India brought to an end a 15-year-old case titled *Animal Welfare Board of India & Anr Versus People for Elimination of Stray Troubles & Ors*, also known as the All India Stray Dogs case or *AWBI vs PEST*. The last hearing was held on May 9 this year when the judgment was reserved. Since then, all dog lovers (and regrettably, all dog haters) have been waiting with bated breath for the final judgment. That judgment came out on July 12 and has been cheered in some circles and criticised in others.

The case centred on whether municipal and local authorities can wantonly kill stray dogs to reduce the stray dog population, eradicate rabies, and prevent man-animal conflict, or whether local bodies must follow the World Health Organization (WHO)-backed scientific approach of sterilisation, which achieves these objectives.

Legally speaking, the matter was framed as a battle of supremacy between State and Municipal laws, which authorise the killing of stray dogs (euphemistically referred to as culling) as opposed to the Central law (Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960, and the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2001), which mandates that killing is strictly prohibited and, the only recourse is the scientific solution of sterilisation.

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Final mandate

These State and Municipal laws permitting the killing of stray dogs were challenged in various High Courts. The High Courts of Bombay, Karnataka, and Himachal Pradesh ruled that local authorities have discretionary powers to kill stray dogs and are not bound by the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. On the other hand, the Kerala High Court ruled that local bodies possess no such discretionary powers, and, that they are guided by Central law, which penalises cruelty to animals, specifically canines. All these judgments were appealed and came to a head in the Supreme Court, which then issued notices to all the States and Union Territories in 2015, taking the case to a pan-India level.

The denouement of this case was reached when the final order was uploaded on the Supreme Court's website. The Supreme Court laid down that since the inception of the case, a lot of water has flown under the bridge and, specifically, there has been a change in the legislative landscape with the notification of the new ABC Rules, 2023 under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. These two pieces of legislation mandate that wanton killing by municipalities is prohibited and that sterilisation must be followed. The Supreme Court then stated that any parties with issues regarding these new laws can challenge them in the relevant High Courts. In the meantime, the governing law of the land remains the Central law (PCA Act 1960 and ABC Rules, 2023), which prohibits the killing of stray dogs by local authorities or municipalities.

'Duty of every citizen'

The court then capped off this judgment with these stirring lines: "Compassion to all living beings, is the enshrined Constitutional value and mandate, and cast obligation on the authorities to maintain." This refers to Article 51A(g) of the Constitution of India, which deals with the fundamental duties of the citizens and states: "It shall be the duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers, and wildlife and to have compassion for living creatures."

With such a positive and compassionate conclusion to a very scientifically backed judgment, the Supreme Court ended this matter. The dog haters, or to put it politely the cynophobes, can certainly go to the High Courts and file writ petitions praying for the striking down of the new Central Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023. But the question is what good would that do? Is killing all the stray dogs the panacea that we are promised to deliver us from all evils? Science certainly does not back the claim that killing helps reduce the population.

WHO's Expert Consultation on Rabies, which met in Geneva in October 2004, in its technical report endorses the sterilisation programme by stating that it is the only effective and humane method of controlling stray dog populations.

A 2014 report commissioned by the Bombay Municipal Corporation stated that sterilisation is the only scientific humane solution. The same corporation in a 1994 circular admitted that killing strays does not affect the population.

In this circular, the Bombay Municipality admitted to killing about 4.5 lakh stray dogs between 1984 and 1994 and spent more than ₹2 crore. But what takes the cake is that, despite no evidence to prove the efficacy of killing and evidence to the contrary, the same Bombay Municipal Corporation approached the Supreme Court seeking permission to kill stray dogs in this case.

One can only hope that the spirit of scientific temper and humanism, as enshrined in the fundamental duty in our Constitution under Article 51A(h), imbues itself in the minds of our citizens.

We must eschew unscientific and barbaric methods such as the killing of stray dogs in favour of the scientific approach, which is a win-win for everyone. We domesticated stray dogs around 10,000 years ago and let us not let them or ourselves down.

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A call for transparency and reform

Chief Minister criticises the A.P. excise policy, calling it the biggest scam

STATE OF PLAY

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The recent white paper on the excise policy of Andhra Pradesh, presented by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu highlights a plethora of issues that have allegedly arisen under the previous Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy administration between 2019-24.

The document revealed numerous flaws and inconsistencies leading to significant economic and social repercussions. While terming it the 'biggest scam', Mr. Naidu announced that the government would order a thorough probe by the Andhra Pradesh Crime Investigation Department and refer it to the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The white paper starts by detailing the promises made by Mr. Jagan during his 2019 general election campaign regarding the reduction of liquor outlets and a phased approach to limiting sales to five-star hotels. However, the reality starkly contrasts these promises.

The assumption that increasing liquor prices would reduce consumption and improve the quality of life is another flawed aspect of the policy. Despite frequent price hikes, this assumption was not properly analysed, leading to increased crime rates, black marketing, and bootlegging, Mr. Naidu informed.

The white paper outlines several orders that introduced various tax rates and changes, creating market instability and confusion. For instance, the levy of the Additional Retail Excise Tax in 2019 and subsequent modifications led to an increase in smuggling and illicit liquor distillation. The significant difference in liquor prices between Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring States exacerbated these issues.

The Special Enforcement Bureau, created to control illegal liquor activities, failed to achieve its objectives. Despite the restructuring efforts, the lack of coordination among authorities led to confusion and poor performance.

The policy's economic impact has been severe, with significant revenue gaps compared to neighbouring States. In Telangana, the gap amounted to ₹42,762.15 crore for 2019-24 and ₹4,186.70 crore for 2014-19. This gap indicates a severe loss of potential revenue. In addition, the revenue foregone was estimated as ₹18,860 crore for 2019-24. The revenue loss is attributed to the policy's failure to curb illegal liquor production and smuggling, as well as the mismanagement of the liquor market.

The decline in Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) sales volumes further illustrates the policy's failure. The IMFL sale volume gap with Telangana for 2019-24 was minus 324.96 lakh cases, contrast to the positive gap of 131.41 lakh cases for 2014-19.

The white paper also exposes a disturbing trend of preferential treatment and alleged corruption. The manual and discretionary procurement procedures have led to the monopolisation of the liquor supply chain by local entities. Major multinational companies and national brands have faced discrimination, with their market shares plummeting from 53.21% in 2018-19 to just 5.25% in 2023-24. In contrast, local suppliers saw a significant increase in their market share, raising questions about the integrity and fairness of the procurement process.

The removal of low-priced liquor brands, which served the low-income sections of the population, is another issue.

Mr. Jagan responded to the allegations by explaining that his policy aimed to protect consumer health by increasing prices and reducing sales volume. He also maintained that the YSRCP government, in the past five years, did not introduce a single distillery, adding that Mr. Naidu, during his 14 years previous tenure, permitted 14 out of around 20 distilleries. He also said that his government did not allow any belt shops (unauthorised shops), which existed till 2019, and ensured that liquor was sold only by the government outlets. Regarding the change in the low-priced brands, he said that all brands were provided by the same distilleries, and they changed the brand names to attract the consumers.

The white paper on excise policy highlights the need for urgent reform and proper inquiry into the alleged scam. To restore public trust and ensure the policy's success, the State government must commit to transparency and consistency in policy formulation and implementation. They should also conduct thorough economic and social impact analyses before introducing new policies and eliminate manual and discretionary procurement procedures in favour of transparent, automated systems.

Tribal vote trends reshape LS election results

Priyanka Jarkiholi's historic win in Chikkodi shows a broader trend in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, where tribal votes shifted significantly

DATA POINT

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Priyanka Jarkiholi, a tribal woman, made history in the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Not only did she win as a Congress candidate from the unreserved Chikkodi Lok Sabha seat in the Belgavi district in Karnataka, but she also became one of the youngest parliamentarians in India. She secured 51.2% of the votes, defeating the incumbent MP and BJP candidate, Annasaheb Jolle by a margin of a little more than seven per cent votes (Actual vote count).

Chikkodi is a non-reserved seat with a tribal population of only five per cent, about 15% Dalit population, and nearly 10% Muslim voters. The constituency has a large proportion of OBC and upper caste voters. In a constituency with such demographics, securing 51% votes for a candidate from a tribal community especially – a woman – against a candidate from the dominant Lingayat community is a remarkable achievement. The votes polled by Ms. Jarkiholi indicate that she garnered significant support from a broad cross-section of communities, not just the Adivasi community.

Several prominent tribal leaders were elected to the 18th Lok Sabha, including Jasvantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor from Dahod in Gujarat, Parbhubhai Nagarbhai Vasava, from Bardoli Lok Sabha constituency in Gujarat, Faggan Singh Kulaste from Mandla Lok Sabha constituency in Madhya Pradesh, Jual Oram from Sundargarh Lok Sabha seat in Odisha and Murari Lal Meena from Dausa Lok Sabha seat in Rajasthan. These MPs, representing various States and parties, were elected from ST reserved constituencies. Against this backdrop, it is important to analyse the tribal factor in the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Did the tribal vote overwhelmingly in favour of one party, or was it more fragmented across different parties?

Out of 47 Lok Sabha seats reserved for tribals, the BJP won 25 seats, six seats less compared to 2019. Its vote share remained more or less the same, i.e. 42.6% in the 2019 and 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Meanwhile, the Congress gained both in terms of votes and seats compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha election. The Congress polled 30.1% votes in 2024, nearly 1.5 points higher compared to its vote share in 2019. Compared to its tally of four ST reserved seats in 2019, the Congress won 12 ST reserved seats in 2024. These gains came at the expense of the BJP, which lost six seats, and other regional parties which altogether lost five of the ST reserved seats **(Table 1).**

The Congress indeed made gains among ST reserved seats both in terms of seats and votes, but these gains were not uniform across all States. In some States, the Congress received more votes amongst tribal voters compared to its rivals, but in others, it was less popular among tribal voters.

Findings from the post-poll Survey conducted by CSDS-Lokniti indicate, that tribal votes were largely in favour of the Congress in States like J&K, Goa, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. In several States, tribal votes were evenly split between the Congress and the BJP. For example, in Gujarat, both parties received 49% of the tribal votes, and the same was the case in Uttarakhand and Jharkhand. However, in States like Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and West Bengal, the tribal vote was tilted in favour of the BJP, and, in Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, there was significant support for the BJP amongst the tribal voters **(Table 3).**

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Breaking down the ST vote

Tables 1 and 2 are based on election results from the Election Commission. Table 3 is based on the national election study 2024 conducted by the CSDS-Lokniti

Table 1: The table shows the performance of different parties in ST reserved constituencies

Election Year	Congress		UPA		BJP		NDA		Others	
	Won	Vote(%)	Won	Vote(%)	Won	Vote(%)	Won	Vote(%)	Won	Vote(%)
2014	5	27.5	7	31	27	36.4	27	38.5	13	30.5
2019	4	28.7	5	32.5	31	42.7	32	44.7	10	22.8
2024	12	30.1	16	35.1	25	42.6	26	44.8	5	20.1

Of the 47 Lok Sabha seats reserved for the STs, the BJP won 25 seats which is 6 seats less compared to its tally of ST reserved seats in 2019

Table 2: The table shows the performance of alliances in ST reserved constituencies across regions

Region	Year	INDIA		NDA		Other	
		Won	Vote %	Won	Vote %	Won	Vote %
East	2014	2	44.7%	1	20.71%	4	34.6%
	2019	1	30.36%	4	39.9%	2	29.74%
	2024	2	31.19%	5	40.95%	0	27.86%
Hindi heartland	2014	2	37.8%	16	49.42%	0	12.79%
	2019	3	41.11%	15	50.56%	0	8.33%
	2024	7	45.55%	11	47.36%	0	7.09%
North east	2014	5	42.16%	1	19.06%	1	38.78%
	2019	1	27.45%	4	34.89%	2	37.65%
	2024	2	27.52%	3	38.78%	2	33.71%
West	2014	0	36.13%	9	54.17%	0	9.7%
	2019	0	32.82%	8	53.03%	1	14.14%
	2024	3	40.94%	6	50.27%	0	8.79%
South	2014	2	30.98%	1	33.73%	3	35.29%
	2019	1	32.27%	3	35.94%	2	31.79%
	2024	4	43.38%	1	37.27%	1	19.36%

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Table 3: The table shows how tribal voters voted in 2024 Lok Sabha election

State	Proportion of tribal population	INDIA	NDA	Others
Andhra Pradesh	7%	3%	56%	41%
Assam	12.5%	24%	51%	24%
Goa	10.1%	51%	45%	4%
Gujarat	14.8%	49%	49%	2%
Jammu and Kashmir	12%	76%	17%	7%
Karnataka	7%	46%	54%	0%
Madhya Pradesh	21.1%	24%	71%	5%
Maharashtra	9.4%	61%	29%	10%
Odisha	22.9%	23%	40%	37%
Rajasthan	13.5%	39%	48%	13%
West Bengal	6%	2%	63%	29% TMC
Jharkhand	27%	36%	38%	26%
Chhattisgarh	31%	59%	40%	1%
Uttarakhand	3%	50%	50%	0%

Post poll survey findings indicate that tribal votes were largely in favour of the Congress in States like J&K, Goa, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 8, 1974

Paper distribution: Govt.'s approach

New Delhi, August 7: The government will regulate the use of white printing paper by newspapers and evolve a policy of rational distribution of paper to printers and publishers shortly.

This assurance was given to the Rajya Sabha to-day by the Industrial Development Minister, Mr. C. Subramaniam, during the discussion on a calling attention motion on the acute shortage of paper and its soaring prices.

The Government could not impose a ban on the use of white printing paper by newspapers because of certain legal problems. But some sort of control on the use of white printing paper by newspapers was being examined, the Minister said.

Mr. Subramaniam hoped that hoarding and blackmarketing in white printing paper would end after a rational distribution system was introduced. He said the price of white printing paper fixed at Rs 2,750 a tonne would be maintained. As for prices of other varieties of paper, a study of the cost of production in the paper industry was being made, he added.

The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, has written to all Central Ministries to economise the use of paper because of the current shortage, Mr. Subramaniam said. All Ministries were now trying to ensure that the minimum amount of white printing paper was used.

Mr. Subramaniam said about 30, 000 tonnes of paper for the educational sector has been allotted to the States in the past two months. He said the Government had now asked the paper industry to manufacture two lakh tonnes of white printing paper for distribution to the educational sector and the Government.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 8, 1924

Earthquakes in Kenya.

Nairobi, August 7: Earth tremors felt in Kenya became severe shocks in the northern districts of Samburu and Turkana, where natives report a large meteor has fallen. Tribesmen are bringing cattle to the south for water because the convulsion split the Turkana and Suguta rivers at their juncture into three extensive gullies. Water in each is now hot and undrinkable. The convulsion also filled the neighbouring ravine with hot boulders.

From Page One

Vinesh's Olympic dreams crushed

According to UWW's Article 11 on weigh-in, "For all competitions, the weigh-in is organized each morning of the concerned weight-category... If an athlete does not attend or fail the weigh-in (the first or the second weigh-in), he will be eliminated of the competition and ranked last, without rank."

UWW president Nenad Lalovic underlined the rules.

"We have to respect the rules. I am so sad about what happened to her. She was overweight, even by a small margin. But rules are rules," Mr. Lalovic told reporters.

Another athlete, Italian Emanuela Liuzzi had to forfeit her bout after being overweight in the same weight category on Tuesday.

As a result of Vinesh's elimination, Cuban Yusneylis Guzman Lopez, who had lost to the Indian in the semifinals, became eligible to compete in the final. It is learnt that Vinesh, who had some weakness due to the drastic weight cut and was treated at the polyclinic inside the Games Village, is fine.

Even as the country, fighting to match its previous edition's tally of seven medals, was deprived of a medal, Vinesh would be proud of her effort. She punched above her weight to take down Yui in spectacular fashion before getting past Ukraine's Oksana Livach and Yusnelis to become the first Indian woman wrestler to reach the Olympics final before her disqualification.

Against Yui, Vinesh demonstrated a masterclass of defence. The 29-year-old, who had a knee surgery a year back, retained her energy to outsmart Yui, who had remained unbeaten in over 82 matches in her international career, in the dying seconds to send shock waves through the Japanese camp.

Muhammad Yunus to take oath today

BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said election should be held within three months.

In her first public speech since 2018, Ms. Zia, who joined the rally virtually, thanked the people for their "fight and prayers" and called for "love and peace" to rebuild the country, instead of "destruction and revenge".

"Youth are our future. We need to build a democratic Bangladesh newly to fulfil their dream, and for which they shed their blood.," said Ms. Zia.

The situation in the country is yet to normalise. Vandalism and looting persisted in some areas, with security forces struggling to stabilise the unrest. Key Ministry and department secretaries have stopped attending office, causing a near standstill in the functioning of the Bangladesh Secretariat. Many officials and employees affiliated to the Awami League have been absent. Numerous influential officials have gone into hiding, switching off their phones and cutting off communication with their offices, leaving their subordinates without guidance. This has led to a breakdown in the chain of command.

The capital city of Dhaka continued to see rallies by different political groups.

The Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) on Wednesday expressed deep concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in the country. MCCI president Kamran T Rahman said, "If such a situation continues, trade, business, and investment will have a huge negative effect. This will also create hindrances to job creation."

Business leaders across the country also raised concerns about ongoing destructive activities targeting industrial and commercial establishments.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin asked the police to become stricter in tackling the anarchic situation and looting in the country.

Lok Sabha passes Finance Bill, amends provision on LTCG tax

Sitharaman rejects criticism from Opposition that the middle class is heavily taxed; she says Budget is aimed at promoting investment; protests erupt in House after govt. does not take up amendment against 18% GST on insurance premiums

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Finance Bill, 2024 was passed in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday with an amendment relaxing a proposal for the long-term capital gains tax on real estate. It allows tax payers an option to switch to a new lower tax rate or stick to the old regime that had a higher rate with indexation benefit.

New regime: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government had eased tax compliance. PTI

The amendment comes after a proposal to remove indexation benefit in calculation of long-term capital gains on sale of immoveable properties in the Budget, 2024-25 had evoked criticism from various corners, including Opposition parties and tax professionals. The Budget had proposed a lower 12.5% rate of LTCG tax, down from 20%, while doing away with the indexation benefit.

With this amendment, individuals or Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs) who bought houses before July 23, 2024, can opt to pay LTCG tax under the new scheme at the rate of 12.5% without indexation or claim the indexation benefit and pay 20% tax.

The Finance Bill was passed by a voice vote in the Lok Sabha with a total of 45 official amendments.

Replying to the debate before the passage of the Bill, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman rejected criticism from Opposition parties that the middle class was heavily taxed. She said that the Budget proposals were aimed at promoting investment and benefiting the middle class.

She said the Narendra Modi government had brought in a simplified taxation regime and eased compliance without drastically increasing taxes.

Among the various measures taken to help the middle class, Ms. Sitharaman mentioned the reduction in customs duty on various goods that would promote trade and investment and generate employment.

She also referred to the hike in tax exemption limit on long-term capital gains in listed equities and bonds to ₹1.25 lakh from ₹1 lakh, a move that she said would benefit those investing in the stock market.

The Finance Minister said that simplification of the tax regime was the primary objective of the Modi government, highlighting that 72% of those who had paid income tax had opted for the new regime while filing returns this year.

"We have made transformational changes in tax governance. In 2023, the tax slabs were significantly reduced. Again, this has been done this year," Ms. Sitharaman said, adding that the standard deduction for the salaried class had been increased.

On the Opposition's demand for removal of Goods and Services Tax on health and life insurance premiums, the Union Minister said that 75% of the GST collected went to the States.

"Prior to levying 18% GST on health insurance [premium], all States used to levy tax on insurance premiums. So when GST was rolled out, the tax automatically got subsumed into GST," she said.

Opposition MPs staged a walkout after a furore over the government not taking up an amendment in the Finance Bill to withdraw the 18% GST levy on medical and life insurance premiums.

The amendment had been moved by N.K. Premachandran of the Revolutionary Socialist Party.

The Finance Minister said any amendment in GST had to be approved by the GST Council.

Elections to 12 RS seats to be held on September 3

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Elections to 12 Rajya Sabha seats will be held on September 3. The votes will be counted the same day.

The Election Commission notified the polls on Wednesday.

The BJP, which now has 87 members in the Upper House, is likely to gain four seats at the cost of the Congress, the RJD, and the Biju Janata Dal.

Ten Rajya Sabha seats fell vacant as the sitting members, including Union Ministers Piyush Goyal, Sarbananda Sonowal, and Jyotiraditya Scindia, were elected to the Lok Sabha.

Two members, K. Keshava Rao and Mamata Mohanta, resigned.

The BJP is likely to gain the seats vacated by Congress leaders Deepender Hooda and K.C. Venugopal.

The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance is likely to win the seat vacated by the RJD's Misa Bharti, who won the Lok Sabha election from the Patliputra constituency.

Bill removes powers of Waqf Board; non-Muslims and women on board

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With the Bill to amend the Waqf Act, 1995, set to be tabled in Parliament this week, the Union government proposes to strip the Waqf Board of its powers to declare a property as its own.

The Bill proposes the inclusion of two Muslim women and two non-Muslim members on the Board, and inserts a new Section to prevent the wrongful declaration of a property as "Waqf". The proposed legislation introduces the District Collector as an arbiter to decide if a property is a Waqf or government land. In the 1995 Act, such decisions are made by the Waqf Tribunal.

The Waqf comprises property or land donated by followers of Islam, and is managed by the members of the community. The Waqf Boards currently control 8.7 lakh properties spanning 9.4 lakh acres across India, with an estimated value of ₹1.2 lakh crore. Collectively, this

Kiren Rijiju

makes the Waqf Boards the third largest landowner in India. The Waqf Act was last amended in 2013.

'Unacceptable changes'

The Bill has drawn sharp criticism from Muslim bodies and Opposition parties, which termed it an act to create societal divides. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board has hit out at the Bill and maintained that any change in the Wakf Act which alters the nature of Wakf properties, or makes it easier for the government or any individual to usurp them, will not be acceptable.

The Bill, a copy of which was circulated among Lok Sabha members on Wednesday, proposes to rename the Act "Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995". The Bill "omits Section 40 relating to the powers of Board to decide if a property is waqf property".

"Any Government property identified or declared as waqf property, before or after the commencement of this Act, shall not be deemed to be a waqf property. If any question arises as to whether any such property is a government property, the same shall be referred to the Collector having jurisdiction who shall make such inquiry as he deems fit, and determine whether such property is a Government property or not and submit his report to the State Government," the Bill says.

It says that no person shall create a Waqf unless he is the lawful owner of the property and competent to transfer or dedicate such property.

Execution of Waqf deed

Also, the creation of a *waqf-alal-aulad* (Waqf deed) must not result in the denial of the inheritance rights of heirs.

Another proposed amendment is that no Waqf can be created without the execution of a Waqf deed. In Islamic law, a Waqf dedication may be made either in writing, or orally.

The proposed legislation will ensure the "representation of Muslim women and non-Muslims" in the Central Waqf Council and the State Waqf Boards.

"Board shall have at least one member each from Shia, Sunni and other Backward Classes among Muslim Communities, and one member each from the Bohra and Aghakhani communities shall be nominated in the Board in case they have functional *auqaf* [assets] in the State or Union Territory," the Bill says.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju's statement of objects and reasons for the amendment Bill said that though the Waqf Act, 1995, had been enacted to provide for the better administration of *Auqaf*, it has not proved effective in this regard.

Muslim bodies hit out at Waqf Bill, plan to move top court

Ziya Us Salam
NEW DELHI

The Muslim bodies call the proposed amendments a step meant to 'weaken the waqf commissioners'

The contentious Bill to amend 44 Sections of the Waqf Act-1995 has drawn the ire of the Muslim community. The overriding feeling is one of interference in community's matters, and an attempt to dispossess the largest minority of the wealth meant for the socio-economic uplift of the community. The Muslim bodies have called the proposed amendments "objectionable", a step meant to "weaken the waqf commissioners" and are mulling the prospect of filing a joint petition before the Supreme Court.

The All India Sufi Sajjadanasheen, however, has come out in support of the government move, calling the changes "long overdue".

All India Majlis-e-Mushawarat chairman and former chief of Delhi Minorities Commission, Zafarul Islam said, "New amendments will usher in a Collector Raj to decide at will what is a waqf and what is not. The new amendments also establish the tradition of this government of failing to consult the Muslim community in matters affecting the community."

Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind president Arshad Madani refused to accept the proposed changes, stating, "We cannot accept any amendment in the waqf (endowment) law which would change the status of the waqf and the purpose of the waqf. It seems that by these amendments, the government wants to change the nature of waqf to make it easy to seize."

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind president Sadatullah Hussaini took objection to the inclusion of non-Muslim members. However, he welcomed the inclusion of women members in the Waqf Board.

'Anti-militancy operations under way in Udhampur'

The Hindu Bureau
JAMMU

An anti-militancy operation to flush out a group of militants hiding in Jammu's Udhampur continued for the second consecutive day on Wednesday.

"The anti-militancy operation started on Tuesday morning. Around 4.30 p.m., a contact was established with the terrorists. The contact was established twice in two hours. As per our information, a group of three or four terrorists is trapped inside our cordon. We hope that the group will be neutralised as soon as possible," Rayees Mohammad Bhat, the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Udhampur-Reasi Range, said.

SC posts PMLA judgment review to Aug. 28, asks if it's 'appeal in disguise'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant scheduled for August 28 a series of petitions seeking a review of a July 2022 judgment of the apex court, which gave unbridled powers to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to arrest and summon individuals and raid private property under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The Bench, including Justices C.T. Ravikumar and Ujjal Bhuyan, however, made it a point on Wednesday to note that a review in open court should not take the tone of an appeal against a Supreme Court judgment.

A review in open court must not take the tone of appeal, the Bench says.

Justice Ravikumar asked whether, even if a judgment had "gravely erred", review proceedings would still partake the character of an appeal. There is no appeal against a judgment of the final court. Exercise of review and curative jurisdictions of the apex court are rare and entertained in case of apparent errors or biases in the verdict. "Let us see if this is an appeal in disguise?" Justice Ravikumar asked senior advocates Kapil Sibal, A.M. Singhvi, Menaka Guruswamy and other lawyers for the various petitioners, including Karti Chidambaram.

The review petitions had alleged that the apex court's July 27, 2022 judgment deprived an accused person of basic rights, which include even a copy of the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR).

'Twin conditions'

The core amendments to which the judgment gave its stamp of approval had virtually transferred the burden of proof of innocence onto the shoulders of the accused instead of the prosecution.

The 545-page judgment, authored by Justice (now retired) A.M. Khanwilkar, had upheld the PMLA's controversial "twin conditions" for bail.

These conditions provided that a PMLA-designated trial court was required to give bail only if the accused could prove his innocence against the money laundering charges. On the slim chance the accused did get bail, he had to establish that he was "not likely to commit any offence while on bail".

For an undertrial, who is under incarceration and with whom the ED has not shared the Enforcement Case Information Report, to prove that he was not guilty, to say the least, may prove to be a herculean if not an impossible task, the review petitions argued.

Centre is tampering with the NCERT curriculum, trying to communalise it, says Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Opposition and Treasury benches sparred over National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks after the Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, accused the government of "tampering with" the curriculum and trying to impose a communal ideology.

While the Congress president flagged recent reports that the Preamble to the Constitution has been dropped from certain textbooks, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan denied it.

Mallikarjun Kharge

Speaking during Zero Hour in the Rajya Sabha, Mr. Kharge accused the government of wilfully dropping the Preamble.

He also stressed the need to retain it and quoted Constituent Assembly debates to bolster his point.

"Political democracy cannot last unless there lies at the base of it social democracy. What does social democracy mean? It means a way of life which recognises liberty, equality, and fraternity as the principles of life," he quoted from the debates.

The House erupted when Mr. Kharge said that the government shifted the statues of Gandhiji and Dr. Ambedkar in the Parliament complex after unsatisfactory results in the 2024 Lok Sabha election. "The RSS and BJP are trying to impose their communal ideology on people by tampering with curriculum. And the step taken by NCERT is not right," he said amid protests from the ruling side.

The Treasury benches strongly protested against Mr. Kharge's charge.

Leaders back Vinesh; disqualification raises heat in Parliament, Opposition walks out

Minister says the government has provided her the best coaching facilities; in the Lok Sabha, Opposition questions government's 'poor response' to the technical disqualification of the wrestler in the Olympics; Upper House sees protest as the Chair did not allow parties to raise the issue

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The shocking disqualification of wrestler Vinesh Phogat from the Paris Olympics on Wednesday led to a political slugfest between the government and the Opposition parties amid a massive outpouring of support for the athlete.

"Vinesh embodies the truly indefatigable spirit of Indian women, and her epic fortitude and resilience are already inspiring future world champions from India," President Droupadi Murmu said in a post on X.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to the social media platform X to describe her as "a champion among champions", and spoke with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chief P.T. Usha, seeking first-hand information and asking her to explore all options to help Vinesh.

Speaking in the Lok Sabha, Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the IOA had lodged a strong protest with the United World Wrestling over the disqualification of Vinesh.

Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Monsoon session of Parliament, in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Calling the disqualification "unfortunate", Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi expressed hope that the IOA would be able to give her justice.

"Vinesh is not one to give up, we are confident that she will come back stronger to the wrestling arena. You have always made the country proud, Vinesh. Even today, the whole country stands with you as your strength," the former Congress chief said in a post on X.

His party colleague Randeep Surjewala alleged that Vinesh, who was the face of the wrestlers' agitation against former BJP MP and former Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, had become "a victim of sports politics".

"Why is the government trying to console instead of fighting for justice for our daughter? If Modi*ji* can stop the Ukraine war, can't he get justice for her? Is it because someone does not want her to win an Olympic medal?" Mr. Surjewala said.

Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee urged the government to consider Vinesh for a Bharat Ratna or nominate her to the Rajya Sabha.

As the news of the disqualification broke, parties belonging to the Opposition INDIA bloc demanded a statement from the government in both Houses of Parliament.

Though Mr. Mandaviya made a statement in the Lok Sabha, the Opposition walked out to register their protest over India's "poor response to the technical disqualification".

Mr. Mandaviya said that on Wednesday morning, Vinesh's weight was found to be 50 kg and 100 grams. "According to the rules and regulations of UWW (United World Wrestling), for all competitions, weigh-ins are organised every morning for the respective category... Therefore, she was declared ineligible for the competition," he said.

The Minister said the government had provided her the best coaching facilities, Hungarian coach Woller Akos and physio Ashwini Patil, and ₹70,45,775 in financial assistance for the Paris Olympics cycle.

In the Rajya Sabha, the Opposition members walked out after the Chair did not allow them to raise the issue.

Disbelief, demand for a change in rules

Ashok Kumar
GURUGRAM

"Twenty years of hard work and this 100 gm at the end. Don't know whether this is the cruelty of the unfortunate times or something else," read a cryptic post by wrestler Sangeeta Phogat in response to the disqualification of her cousin Vinesh Phogat from Paris Olympics, even as clamour grew to amend the rules and give her the silver medal.

Vinesh Phogat

Sangeeta Phogat, who had taken part in the protests against then-Indian Wrestling Federation president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in Delhi in 2023, said it was a personal loss for all women.

Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia, who was part of the wrestlers' protests, said she was a "gold medallist of morality and strength".

Ms. Phogat's uncle and coach Mahavir Phogat had on Tuesday said her victory in semifinal "was a slap on the face of Brij Bhushan". After her disqualification, Mr. Phogat said the entire country was disappointed.

Commonwealth Gold medallist Geeta Phogat reposted the message of Olympic gold medallist and American freestyle wrestler Jordan Burroughs who demanded immediate changes in the United World Wrestling rules and silver medal for Vinesh.

The Opposition in Haryana alleged a conspiracy, and sought a probe.

INBRIEF

Indian airlines fly in 400 people from Bangladesh

Air India and IndiGo operated special flights to Dhaka, bringing more than 400 people amid a volatile situation in the Bangladesh capital. A special Air India flight brought 205 people, including six infants, from Dhaka to New Delhi on Wednesday morning, an official said. IndiGo's special flight flew from the Bangladesh capital to Kolkata on Tuesday to bring back Indian nationals from Bangladesh, the airline said in a statement. Vistara will also be operating their services to the Bangladesh capital as per schedule. IndiGo also said normal flight operations between India and Dhaka are scheduled to resume on Wednesday. PTI

BSF stops entry of around 120 people from Bangladesh

The Border Security Force (BSF) stopped around 120 Bangladeshi nationals, including women and children, from entering India at two locations along the border in north Bengal on Wednesday. The official said the group of people was persuaded to return to Bangladesh with the help of Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) and other government officials. The incident was reported from Manikganj border in Jalpaiguri district. The official said the people congregated on the border on hearing rumours that India would allow them into its territory. After Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped down on August 5 and fled to India, violent protests erupted in the neighbouring country.

Hindus being targeted in Bangladesh, says Adityanath

Hindus are being selectively targeted in Bangladesh, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath alleged on Wednesday and called for unity to fight the threat against Sanatan Dharma. He also said construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya was not a destination but a milestone. Referring to the violence in Bangladesh following Sheikh Hasina's resignation after a months-long anti-government protest, Mr. Adityanath, on the second day of his Ayodhya visit, said, "Today, all the neighbours of India are burning. Temples are being demolished. Hindus are being selectively targeted and even then we are not trying to find those layers of history as to why such an unfortunate situation has arisen there." PTI

Gujarat ATS arrests men with drugs worth ₹800 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Gujarat's Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) arrested two men, Mohammad Yunus Shaikh and his brother Mohammad Adil Shaikh, with nearly 800 kg of mephedrone worth ₹800 crore from Bhiwandi in Maharashtra's Thane district.

A team of ATS officials searched a mephedrone manufacturing unit and seized liquid drug worth ₹800 crore. The ATS team carried out a similar operation at a pharmaceutical factory in Bharuch district of Gujarat, where it recovered liquid tramadol worth ₹31 crore.

During a two-day operation on Monday and Tuesday, officials arrested four persons who were allegedly involved in manufacture and sale of narcotic substances banned under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

On July 18, the ATS busted a mephedrone manufacturing unit in Palsana area of Surat and seized drugs and raw material worth ₹51.4 crore and arrested three persons. During their interrogation, the ATS gained details about the Shaikh brothers from Maharashtra, who are part of the larger drug cartel.

India pulls out non-essential staff, families of diplomats from Dhaka

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

With violence in Bangladesh continuing to be a concern, India pulled out "non-essential" staff and families of diplomats at the Indian High Commission in Dhaka on Wednesday.

Sources said that their return was on a "voluntary basis", by commercial flights to Delhi. However, the Indian High Commission in Dhaka and Consulates at Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet were all fully operational, they stressed, adding that there were no plans at present to evacuate the posts.

"All diplomats remain at the High Commission. The High Commission remains functional," a source said, urging Indian nationals in Bangladesh to use the High Commission's specially set-up helplines (+880195 8383679, +880195 8383680 and +880193 7400591).

While Dhaka's Shahjalal airport was closed on Monday, flights are operational now. Air India and Indigo have been organising special flights to bring back Indians since August 6 and resumed normal operations on Wednesday, though rail services between the two countries remained disrupted.

In Parliament on Tuesday, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said there were an estimated 19,000 Indian nationals in Bangladesh, of which nearly 9,000 were students, most of whom returned in July, when the protests had turned violent.

Strict watch: Military personnel stand guard on a street as party members walk to take part in a rally, in Dhaka on Wednesday. AP

'Wait and watch'

India continued to "wait and watch" on the situation in Bangladesh for another day after Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was forced to resign and flee the country for India, along with her sister, after angry protesters marched towards her official home on Monday. There was no update on Wednesday on Ms. Hasina's plans to leave for another country, as she had earlier hoped, with a request to the United Kingdom for asylum unlikely to be accepted.

Ms. Hasina has made no comment since arriving at the Hindon airbase on the outskirts of Delhi, but her U.S.-based son Sajeeb Wazed 'Joy' has told a number of media outlets that she may be in India for an extended period.

"Sheikh Hasina is well and now in Delhi. My sister is with her. My sister lives in Delhi... She is well, but very upset," he told German television Deutsche Welle on Wednesday, referring to Ms. Hasina's daughter Saima Wazed who is the Regional Director for the World Health Organisation and has been based in Delhi for some months.

"She is saddened that her father (Sheikh Mujibur Rahman) gave his life for the country, and the entire family lost their lives. The country for which she was imprisoned, worked so hard, and made so much progress, that the people of this country would insult her in this way, expel her, and go on to attack her, was something none of us could have imagined," Mr. Wazed said, also dismissing reports that Ms. Hasina wanted "asylum", but said she might stay with her family members based in the U.S., the U.K. and India.

Meanwhile in a sign of the political changes in the country, the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi decided to "postpone" an annual event to observe "National Mourning Day" on August 15 that would have marked the 49th anniversary of the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founder of Bangladesh.

The High Commission informed invitees on Tuesday that the plan to hold the memorial service and a discussion on "Bangabandhu: An epitome of peace and humanity" had been "postponed due to unavoidable circumstances".

The Bangladesh High Commission did not respond to requests on the reasons for the postponement and whether the event would be rescheduled.

(With inputs from Jagriti Chandra)

BJP leader accuses Cong. of trying to spread chaos

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Sambit Patra on Wednesday accused the Congress of attempting to spread chaos by insinuating that a Bangladesh-like situation could develop in India as well.

On Tuesday, Congress leader Salman Khurshid, while speaking at the launch of academician Mujibur Rehman's book "*Shikwa-e-Hind: The Political Future of Indian Muslims*", had reportedly cautioned that although everything might look normal on the surface in the country, what was happening in Bangladesh could happen here.

In response, talking to presspersons, the BJP leader accused Mr. Khurshid of warning that there could be protests and arson in India. He said the other Congress leaders, including Shashi Tharoor, MP, who were also present at the event, backed Mr. Khurshid's remarks.

Stating that Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, had also earlier said there would be an upheaval in the country, the BJP leader said Mr. Gandhi held secret meetings abroad and gave statements against India.

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Uddhav hints at CM chair in meet with Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray or UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray, who called on the Congress leadership here on Wednesday, hinted that he was ready to be the chief ministerial face of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) for the Maharashtra Assembly election, which is likely to be held later this year.

Mr. Thackeray, accompanied by his son Aaditya Thackeray and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Raut, met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal at Mr. Kharge's official residence.

He also met Congress leader Digvijaya Singh, Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Sanjay Singh, and Samajwadi Party (SP) Lok Sabha member Aditya Yadav, among others. Mr. Thackeray is scheduled to meet former Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Thursday.

Uddhav Thackeray

The timing of the Sena chief's meetings with the top leadership of the Congress is important as he shares a frosty relationship with Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole. And after winning the highest number of Lok Sabha seats in the recently concluded election, the Congress is upbeat and attempting to project itself as the predominant party within the MVA.

"Maharashtra's farmers and youngsters are fed up with the opportunistic BJP-led alliance. The 13 crore people of Maharashtra are looking towards change," Mr. Kharge said in a post on social media platform X after the meeting.

Before the meeting, Mr. Uddhav Thackeray also had an interaction with reporters.

"If my colleagues [in the MVA] feel that I have done excellent work, then ask them whether they want me as the Chief Minister. People will decide," he said.

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INBRIEF

Double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker meets Sonia

Star pistol shooter Manu Bhaker met Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi as she returned to the country on Wednesday after her historic feat of winning two medals in a single edition of the Olympic Games. Ms. Bhaker met Ms. Gandhi at the latter's 10 Janpath residence here. Sources said Ms. Gandhi congratulated Ms. Bhaker on her historic feat and wished her for her future endeavours. Earlier in the day, as Ms. Bhaker landed in the country, she was welcomed by hundreds of supporters and her family, who braved a steady drizzle to give her a memorable reception. PTI

Centre may tweak Chardham road project: Union Minister

The threat of landslides in Uttarakhand, particularly the Bhagirathi eco-sensitive zone, is making the government consider tweaks to some roads being built as part of the Chardham project, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. He was responding to a question from Ranjit Ranjan, Congress member from Chhattisgarh, who said that of the nearly 900-km network of roads in the Chardham project, only 150 km of the final stretch was remaining to be completed. "The Bhagirathi eco-sensitive zone is extremely precious and must be protected," said Mr. Gadkari. Last November, a cave-in of a section of Silkyara tunnel, which is a part of the project, trapped miners who were subsequently rescued after a fortnight-long operation.

Chandrayaan-3 team, ex-IISc Director win top science awards

33 Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar awards will be given on National Space Day; 13 scientists to get Vigyan Shree award, 18 selected for Viyan Yuva award

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Union government has announced the first set of Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar, or national awards for scientists, ever since it controversially cut down the number of such awards in 2022. Thirty-three of these awards, slated to be given on August 23, National Space Day to mark Chandrayaan-3's moon landing, were announced on Wednesday.

Massive effort: Some members of the jubilant Chandrayaan-3 team with ISRO Chairman S. Somanath. FILE PHOTO

Overhaul of awards

Following the overhaul of the scientific awards scheme, the Ministry of Science and Technology in January this year had notified four categories of awards, comprising a maximum of 56, for scientists. These are up to three Vigyan Ratna to recognise life-time achievements and contributions made in a given field of science and technology, up to 25 Vigyan Shri to recognise distinguished contributions, up to 25 Vigyan Yuva: Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award to recognise and encourage young scientists who made an exceptional contribution, and up to three Vigyan Team awards to recognise a team of three or more scientists/researchers/innovators who have made an exceptional contribution working in a team.

Noted biochemist and former Director of the Indian Institute of Science, G Padmanabhan, was announced as the winner of the Vigyan Ratna. Thirteen scientists spanning a diverse set of fields from physics, chemistry, mathematics, atomic energy, biological sciences, earth sciences were awarded the Vigyan Shri and 18 scientists were nominated for the Viyan Yuva.

The Vigyan team award went to the ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 team. The awards are expected to be given at a ceremony on August 23 here. The awards this year were decided by a nomination process on a portal maintained by the Union Home Ministry that is a repository of a range of national awards.

CBI takes over probe in Delhi civil services aspirants' deaths case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central agency registered the FIR following a Delhi High Court directive on August 2

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken over the investigation into the deaths of three civil services aspirants at Rau's IAS Study Circle in New Delhi on July 27.

Three students drowned and several were trapped after a nearby drain burst, which led to flooding in the basement of a UPSC coaching institute last month.

The agency registered the first information report following a Delhi High Court directive on August 2, taking into account "the seriousness of incidents and that it may involve corruption by public servants".

The High Court has also asked the Central Vigilance Commission to appoint a senior official to oversee the CBI investigation in a time-bound manner. The Delhi Police were initially conducting the probe.

While issuing the order, the High Court had wondered why the police arrested an SUV driver, who was driving past the institute where the incident took place, instead of the official who did not notice that the stormwater drain in the area was dysfunctional. It also pulled up the police for not questioning any Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) officials concerned, and not even seizing the relevant documents from the civic body.

The role of the Delhi Fire Services in giving clearance to Rau's IAS Study Circle has also been called into question.

"How did the children drown? You have done an investigation now...why were they not able to come out of the basement? It doesn't get flooded immediately. Water takes at least two-three minutes to fill a basement, it can't happen in a minute," the Bench had said.

The incident has led to protests by civil services aspirants in the area. On August 5, the Supreme Court also took *suo motu* cognisance of the drowning of three aspirants.

"We are not sure as to what effective measures have been taken so far by the NCT of Delhi or the Union of India. The recent unfortunate incidents taking away lives of some of the young ones who joined coaching centres for their career pursuits are an eye opener for one and all," the Supreme Court said.

Dismissed RPF constable charged with murder

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A Mumbai sessions court on Wednesday charged dismissed Railway Protection Force (RPF) constable Chetan Singh Chaudhary with murder of four persons and promoting enmity between different religious groups.

On July 31, 2023, around 5 a.m., the RPF constable allegedly shot dead four persons – three passengers and one of his senior colleagues, an RPF Assistant Sub-Inspector, Tikaram Meena – on a moving train.

The incident happened on the Jaipur-Mumbai Central Express and was reported near Palghar station in Maharashtra. The other victims in the case were: Abdul Kadarbhai Mohammad Hussain Bhanpurwala (62), a resident of Nalasopara in Palghar; Asgar Abbas Sheikh (48), a resident of Madhubani in Bihar; and Syed Saifullah (43), a resident of Hyderabad.

Chaudhary, lodged in Akola jail, was produced before the court on Wednesday, which framed charges against him and has initiated the trial process. Chaudhary's advocates submitted that their client was going through mental health issues and that he needed rest.

UPSC to give order copy to Khedkar in two days

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) informed the Delhi High Court on Wednesday that it will communicate within two days its order cancelling former probationary Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Puja Khedkar's candidature to her.

The court disposed of Ms. Khedkar's plea challenging the UPSC's press release stating that her candidature has been dismissed. During the hearing, senior advocate Indira Jaising, appearing for Ms. Khedkar, said the cancellation order was never communicated to her and she came to know about it only through the press release.

Fate of ST sub-quota in Mizoram stuck in limbo after top court ruling

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Sources said an internal meeting of the Mizoram govt. is scheduled this week to chart out a path on the court verdict

The fate of the Scheduled Tribes quota sub-classification in Mizoram plunged into uncertainty within days of the Supreme Court permitting States to sub-categorise Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Months before the judgment, the Mizoram government had placed the sub-classification of the State's ST quota in higher education on hold, and started working on amending the reservation rule that separated Mizo tribes from non-Mizo tribes.

Mizoram's Education Minister Vanlalthlana said the government's work on the sub-classification of STs would now have to be re-strategised after considering the Supreme Court's ruling and its implications, adding that this would most likely delay amendments to reservation rules that have been in the works from at least March this year. "It is a sensitive issue and we will have to balance the interests of all communities," he said.

In the meantime, there will be no categorisation within the ST quota, the government has said in an affidavit before the Gauhati High Court. State government sources told *The Hindu* that an internal meeting is scheduled this week on the Supreme Court's ruling so that a path for the future could be charted out.

The sub-categorisation within STs in Mizoram was brought in through the Mizoram (Selection of Candidates for Higher Technical Courses) Rules, 2016 and has been mired in legal challenges ever since. The Rules provided for reserving 99% seats for STs in admissions to courses in medical sciences, all branches of engineering and technology, animal husbandry and veterinary sciences, agricultural sciences, forestry, and fishery.

But within this 99%, children of Zo-ethnic people had 95% and children of non-Zo-ethnic people had 4% reservation.

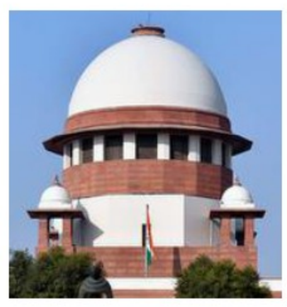
The State government had said the seats allotted to it for Higher and Technical Studies by the Centre were insufficient to meet the technical manpower requirement of the State. Hence, it said these Rules were being brought to "have fair selection of promising candidates only for those limited seats offered to the State of Mizoram on merit by means of certain aptitude test".

This was challenged in the Gauhati High Court, which struck the sub-classification down, citing the 2004 judgment in the *E.V. Chinnaiah* case. The Supreme Court upheld the High Court's decision.

However, the Mizoram government, in 2021, brought amendments to the 2016 Rules, further categorising within ST quota for higher education.

CJI-led Bench expunges HC judge's remarks against SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI



A Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud and four senior-most judges of the Supreme Court held a special sitting on Wednesday to expunge the remarks made by a High Court judge challenging the Supreme Court's position at the top of the judicial hierarchy.

A video capturing the comments by Justice Rajbir Sehrawat of Punjab and Haryana High Court, in court, was widely circulated on social media, compelling the CJI to urge judges to exercise restraint and responsibility while making observations in the course of court proceedings.

The CJI said livestreaming of court sessions was meant to provide citizens access to judicial proceedings, and not for judges to make unwarranted observations, lowering the dignity of the judicial system.

Chief Justice Chandrachud said the top court had been pained by the observations made by Justice Sehrawat and had decided to take *suo motu* cognisance. The other judges on the Bench were Justices Sanjiv Khanna, B.R. Gavai, Surya Kant, and Hrishikesh Roy.

Although Attorney-General R. Venkataramani and Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta termed Justice Sehrawat's observations "serious transgressions" on judicial discipline, and even "aggravated contempt" of the SC, the Bench decided in favour of restraint.

The Chief Justice said that unlike aberrations such as this, an overwhelming majority of High Court judges worked with greater responsibility.

Justice Sehrawat had taken offence to the top court staying an earlier order of his in a case. On July 17, he blamed the apex court for "presuming itself to be more 'supreme' than it actually is and the High Court to be less 'high' than it constitutionally is".

The CJI termed Justice Sehrawat's remarks "gratuitous".

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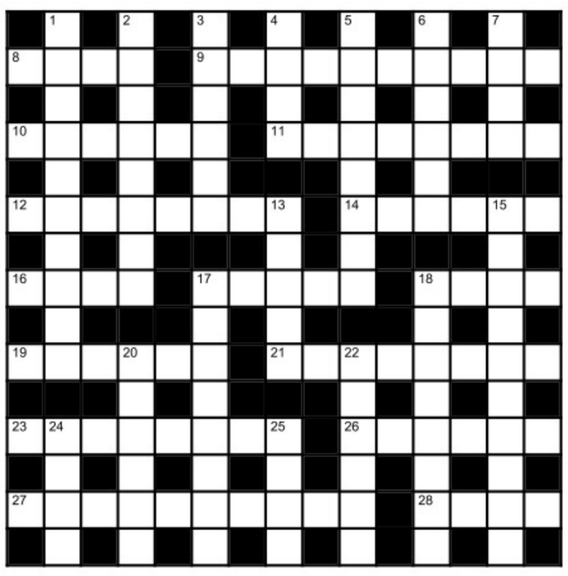

Across

8 Hood's whiskey consumed by military officer (4)
9 People who turn up at programmes and people who look after them (10)
10 End silly war with little dog (4,2)
11 Pace won't change in city (4,4)
12 Bewitch portal (8)
14 Now that chap starts to relay enamelled stick (6)
16 After 51, military policeman's droopy (4)
17 Snap short bread with king (5)
18 Assist in satchel preparation (4)
19 Commander in chief captures the French Resistance clergyman (6)
21 No surety is required to be arranged for contests (8)
23 Wrongly aid flier to get a place to take off, perhaps (8)
26 Heart-breaking new city (6)
27 Endlessly Cortes' travels amid undulating dunes alone (10)
28 Looks at frozen water, I hear (4)

Down

1 Copious rot arose before latrine renovation (10)
2 Applaud and reject part? Nonsense! (8)
3 A member of parliament in room for relaxation is wet (6)
4 Notice centre of the ear (4)
5 Retort and pans (4,4)
6 Aunt dancing in front of church may be this type of girl (6)
7 Dish that's a little soupy and wet, in retrospect (4)
13 Choose delectable part (5)
15 Rarely aces run in competitions where everyone, except the final ones, does not aim to reach the finish line (5,5)
17 Famous composer's role is changed for a single man (8)
18 Chinese guys chasing female accomplices (8)
20 Reject garbage (6)
22 Learners leave unrestrainedly, disorganised and messy (6)
24 Hostelries in two directions (4)
25 Some things to connect... (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Murugan is *dayaaparan*

Lord Murugan is known as *dayaaparan*. The '*paran*' in the word indicates His Supremacy. When it comes to *daya* (compassion), Murugan is indeed the Supreme One, said So.So. Meenakshisundaram in a discourse. His *daya* is the result of His love for us. He demonstrates this in the case of Valli. He tells Valli that He is eager to obey her commands! He literally begs her to tell Him what she wants. What is the significance of this begging? Murugan begs in order to 'give.' He urges us to let Him into our hearts, so that He can save us. His begging is to show that He will climb down to our level to save us.

Think of this analogy. A hungry beggar-woman stands outside a house and calls out, "Please, just a fistful of rice." Inside the same house, a mother begging her child to eat, says to the child, "Please, just a fistful of rice." Here the mother is not looking for food, but wants her child to be well fed. The words of the beggar and the mother may be the same, but obviously the intent is different. Likewise, Murugan 'asks', so that He may grant moksha. In his Kandar Anubhuti, Arunagirinatha wonders if Murugan's lotus-like feet will reside in his heart, which is hard like stone. His prayer obviously is that his heart must become soft like the mud in which lotus plants thrive. A heart full of love and bhakti will draw Murugan like a magnet.

INBRIEF

Bosch Q1 net rises 14% on automotive market demand

Bosch Ltd. on Wednesday posted a 14% YoY growth in Q1 net profit to ₹466 crore, while revenue grew 3.8% to ₹4,317 crore. Guru Prasad Mudlapur, MD, Bosch Ltd., and President, Bosch Group in India, said the growth was driven by higher demand in the overall automotive market, mainly in the passenger car segment. He said the financial year commenced with moderate growth in the automotive market despite the challenges of a high base from the previous year.

Saraswati Saree Depot ₹160-cr. IPO to open on August 12

Saraswati Saree Depot, a Kolhapur-based textile firm, said bids will open for its ₹160-crore IPO on August 12. The offer will close on August 14. The IPO comprises fresh issue of up to 65 lakh equity shares and an offer for sale (OFS) of 35 lakh equity shares by the promoter group. The price band has been fixed between ₹152 and ₹160 per share. The proceeds would be used for working capital requirements, according to the firm's Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP).

Centre will allow up to 35% bio-bitumen mixing: Gadkari

Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday said the government would allow mixing of lignin up to 35% in petroleum-based bitumen, a large part of which is imported from other countries. "Bitumen consumption in 2023-24 was 88 lakh tonnes. In 2024-25, it is expected to be 100 lakh tonnes. 50% of the bitumen is imported. And annual import cost is ₹25,000-30,000 crore," Mr. Gadkari said, while replying to questions in Rajya Sabha. PTI

NSE files fresh plea to settle TAP case

On May 24, SEBI had rejected the revised terms of settlement submitted by the National Stock Exchange and directed it to submit 'individual applications'; NSE had filed this with a fresh RST and is awaiting a response from the markets regulator

Ashley Coutinho
MUMBAI

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has filed a fresh plea with SEBI to settle a regulatory probe into the misuse of its Trading Access Point (TAP) software with Revised Settlement Terms (RST).

NSE had filed settlement pleas with the Securities and Exchange Board of India in 2022 and 2023. SEBI had returned the applications at the time as an investigation was pending.

NSE had received a show-cause notice from the regulator on the matter on February 28, 2023.

Wrongful gains: Co-location scam involved select brokers gaining unfair advantage by securing faster access to NSE data. REUTERS

NSE responded with a settlement application with its grounds of consent without admission of guilt or liability and expressing willingness to pay a fair sum as per regulations.

Based on the response, SEBI conducted several internal committee meetings with the NSE and its staff.

On March 5, NSE filed an RST with SEBI.

On May 24, SEBI rejected the consolidated offer as its High Powered Advisory Committee on Settlement Orders and Compounding of Offences refused to accept it, and directed the NSE to submit "individual applications" with the RST. Following its Board's approval on June 14, NSE filed this with the RST and is awaiting a response from SEBI.

Details of the RST could not be ascertained. E-mails sent to NSE and SEBI did not get a response at the time of publication.

New TAP software

In FY14, NSE rolled out a new TAP software for co-location users. This was used to send orders from member servers to the NSE and helped shave-off latency by 400 micro seconds to 100 micro seconds.

Co-location scam

The misuse of TAP in 2013 was unearthed four years later by the Income Tax department during a probe into the co-location scam. High frequency traders manipulated TAP by using a software and even avoided paying NSE's transaction fee.

The co-location scam involved select brokers gaining unfair advantage by securing faster access to NSE's data and trading facilities over others.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

LTCG options may spur realty investments, sales: industry

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The government's decision to give the option to taxpayers to choose between 12.5% Long Term Capital Gains (LTCG) tax and 20% LTCG with indexation benefit for properties purchased before July 23, 2024 would be in the interest of property owners with the move boosting investment and sales, as per analysts.

"It a positive development for the real estate sector," said Samir Jasuja, Founder-CEO, PropEquity.

"It addresses apprehensions among property owners that they will have

to shell out more taxes in the absence of indexation benefit," he added.

"Real estate has always been an important asset class for investment and if we have to make real estate a trillion-dollar industry than lesser taxes should be introduced," he added.

Shishir Baijal, Chairman and MD. Knight Frank India said, "This move offers flexibility to sellers, who can choose the option that best suits their financial situation and the extent of property's appreciation."

"While 12.5% may seem immediately attractive, the decision to opt for it or the 20% rate with indexation should be made after a careful consideration of individual circumstances. Ideally, if a property's value has significantly outpaced inflation, 12.5% rate might be more beneficial.

"However, indexation can be advantageous if property appreciation is closer to inflation rate."

'BIMSTEC FTA talks needs revival with realistic possibilities'

The Hindu Bureau

Negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) among the seven-member BIMSTEC grouping of Bay of Bengal littoral nations and Nepal and Bhutan need to be expeditiously revived and "realistic possibilities" like preferential trade agreements could be explored, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said at the inaugural BIMSTEC Business Summit in New Delhi on Wednesday.

The BIMSTEC FTA talks had not seen much progress for the last six years, Mr. Goyal noted, while urging India's business community to provide feedback on the need for such an agreement.

Mr. Goyal said serious efforts were necessary to remove non-tariff barriers and adopt international norms on trade facilitation to help expedite the trade talks within BIMSTEC.

Also, member nations needed to ensure that the terms of trade were fair and any trade deficits were better managed among themselves for a Free Trade Agreement, the Minister added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	79,468	1.11
US Dollar	83.95	-0.03
Gold	71,350	-0.48
Brent oil	78.64	2.50

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3185.95	113.25
Adani Ports	1543.80	49.70
Apollo Hosp	6720.35	62.65
Asian Paints	3101.45	-0.30
Axis Bank	1136.80	10.70
Bajaj Auto	9708.20	280.80
Bajaj Finserv	1571.40	7.30
Bajaj Finance	6637.15	98.80
Bharti Airtel	1441.75	-1.80
BPCL	343.65	8.95
Britannia Ind	5836.80	-17.70
Cipla	1553.55	21.65
Coal India	531.50	31.90
Divis Lab	4946.50	118.95
Dr Reddys Lab	6926.35	118.95
Eicher Motors	4597.15	-56.75
Grasim Ind	2637.05	16.55
HCL Tech	1594.60	11.85
HDFC Bank	1623.50	22.30
HDFC Life	696.25	16.65
Hero MotoCorp	5241.15	67.35
Hindalco	623.70	13.40
Hind Unilever	2744.05	-6.00
ICICI Bank	1172.45	5.60
IndusInd Bank	1345.15	-35.85
Infosys	1791.65	40.55
ITC	492.65	6.35
JSW Steel	906.45	22.45
Kotak Bank	1776.55	6.00
L&T	3638.25	62.05
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5567.50	106.75
M&M	2680.85	47.90
Maruti Suzuki	12371.50	240.40
NestleIndia	2522.80	14.30
NTPC	416.30	1.30
ONGC	329.10	23.00
PowerGrid Corp	352.05	11.30
Reliance Ind	2929.65	17.55
SBI Life	1685.70	11.20
State Bank	808.65	10.95
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2925.05	88.25
Sun Pharma	1734.45	26.90
TataConsumerProduct	1199.60	14.00
Tata Motors	1025.30	11.55
Tata Steel	153.86	3.54
TCS	4200.45	29.25
Tech Mahindra	1473.65	-9.75
Titan	3326.25	-8.85
UltraTech Cement	11543.20	217.90
Wipro	497.40	7.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 07

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.76	84.08
Euro	91.48	91.83
British Pound	106.67	107.08
Japanese Yen (100)	56.88	57.10
Chinese Yuan	11.66	11.71
Swiss Franc	96.98	97.36
Singapore Dollar	63.11	63.36
Canadian Dollar	60.94	61.19
Malaysian Ringitt	18.61	18.71
Australian Dollar	55.05	55.26

Source:Indian Bank

TVS Credit Services Q1 net rises 20% to ₹140 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

TVS Credit Services Ltd., reported standalone net profit for the June quarter increased 20% year-on-year to ₹140 crore.

Total income grew 19% to ₹1,606 crore while assets under management rose 20% to ₹26,351 crore, said the NBFC in a statement.

The firm continued to maintain strong growth momentum in disbursements, primarily driven by an increase in distribution reach supported by consumption growth and expansion. It is resolute in commitment to expand product offerings, distribution and digital transformation for enhancing customer experience.

TVS Supply Chain bags JCB contract

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd. (TVS SCS) secured a three-year contract from JCB in India for managing the latter's in-plant warehousing and logistics operations at Vadodara.

Under the contract, TVS SCS in-plant logistics services will comprise end-to-end warehouse management, from unloading and put-away of parts to picking and line-side feeding. The firm will deploy material-handling equipment and employ close to 110 staff for this contract, said the global supply-chain provider in a statement.

"JCB has been a pivotal partner in our growth journey, and we are thrilled to continue this collaboration," K. Sukumar, CEO,

K. Sukumar

TVS Supply Chain Solutions India, remarked.

"Securing this contract underscores our commitment to delivering process excellence and innovative, value-driven solutions," the CEO added.

"With this new deal, we are excited to offer an extensive suite of in-plant warehousing services along with cutting edge technology solutions to further drive business transformation for JCB in India."

Chemplast Sanmar turns Q1 profit of ₹24 crore

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Chemplast Sanmar Ltd. reported a consolidated net profit of ₹24 crore in the June quarter, after a loss of ₹64 crore in the year-earlier period, due to improved prices of PVC and lower feedstock costs.

Revenue grew 15% to ₹1,145 crore, while cost of materials rose by ₹47 crore to ₹763 crore, the specialty chemicals maker said.

"The improvement in PVC prices was largely due to a severe container shortage for cargo originating from China, however, these heightened freight rates have started dropping off post the end of the quarter," said MD Ramkumar Shankar.

Coromandel Q1 net slumps 38% to ₹309 cr. on decrease in revenue

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Agriculture solutions provider Coromandel International reported consolidated net profit for Q1 FY25 declined almost 38% to ₹309 crore, from ₹494 crore a year earlier.

Lower net profit came amid total income falling more than 16% to ₹4,783 crore (₹5,738 crore).

Executive Director-Nutrient Business S. Sankarasubramanian, who on Wednesday was appointed MD and CEO by the Board, said "Coromandel made sequential recovery, regis-

S. Sankarasubramanian

tering healthy volume sales in nutrients and crop protection businesses despite the delay in onset of monsoons. However, margins for the fertilisers business were impacted due to lower subsidy rates and rise in input costs."

Kobelco India eyes double-digit sales rise

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Kobelco Construction Equipment India Pvt. Ltd. is expecting double-digit growth in overall sales volume of excavators in FY25, said a top official.

"Last year, we sold about 1,900 units, of which 200 machines were exported to Nepal and Bangladesh. This fiscal, we are hoping to sell 2,000 units in the domestic market and 300 machines will be exported," MD & CEO Takemichi Hirakawa said.

The Indian subsidiary of Kobelco Construction Machinery, Japan started its operations in SriCity in

2006. Last year, the firm incurred capex of ₹75 crore to expand its facility. Currently, it can make 3,500 excavators a year.

Mr. Hirakawa unveiled 'Made in India' SK80 Excavator and said they scaled up the indigenisation level to 70% from 45%. The engine is made locally by Yanmar. Kobelco has already delivered five machines.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
TENDER NOTICE
Adv. No. 14/D3/CE/TTD/2024-25& NIT NO.84/SE-II/TTD/2024-25, Dated: 06.08.2024
Name of Work: 1) Providing galleries at North West corner of mada streets in Open space in Tirumala, Amount Rs.525 Lakhs,
Time for completion: 12 months
Note : For full details log on to the website https://www.tirumala.org
TTD-40021(31)/1/2024-PRO SEC (Adv. No.107) Dated: 06.08.2024 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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ROADS & BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT
Chief Engineer (R&B), Buildings Errummanzil, Hyderabad - 500082
Cancellation of e NIT No. 02/CE(B)/AEE-M/8 Medical Colleges / 2024, Dt: 06-08-2024
The tenders invited vide e NIT No. 02/CE(B)/AEE-M/8 Medical Colleges / 2024, Dt. 06-08-2024 for the work "Establishment of 8 new Government Medical Colleges of 100 seats each at various locations in Telangana State (R&B) Dept., and Medical, Nursing, Physiotherapy and paramedical colleges at Kodangal" and published in newspapers on 06.08.2024 is hereby cancelled on administrative grounds.
for Chief Engineer (R&B), Buildings
DIPR R.O.No.2592-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2024-25 Dt. 07.08.2024 Errummanzil, Hyderabad

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : Re-e-Tender No. 21-25/2024-25/SE/PHC ALP/RC/RT-1, KIIFB Alappuzha package 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, **EMD :** Rs. 5,00,000/-, **Tender Fee :** Rs. 19518, **Last Date for Submitting Tender :** 21-08-2024, 02:00 pm, **Phone :** 0477 - 2237954.
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KWA-JB-GL-6-357-2024-25 PH circle, Alappuzha

INFORMATION KERALA MISSION
(Local Self Government, Government of Kerala)
Public Office PO, Trivandrum - 695 033
Empanelment of IT Service Partner (ITSP)
Application inviting for Empanelment of Companies for Partnering with IKM in Developing the K- SMART Application.
Information Kerala Mission invites interest from reputed organizations for Empanelment of Companies for Partnering with IKM in Developing the K-SMART Application. Details are available in IKM's website **(www.ikm.gov.in)**. Last date of submission of response to is **30.08.2024, 5 pm**. Phone No. **0471 - 2773100, 9356777746, 8129783800**
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COTTON BOARD
Government of Kerala
E-TENDER NOTICE
Cotton Board invites e-tender from suppliers **for supply of Cotton Bales to various spinning mills** all over Kerala.
For details visit
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in,
www.bptkerala.in, Last date : 29.08.2024
08-08-2024 Sd/-
Fund Manager, Cotton Board

Kerala Startup Mission invited proposals for Engagement of Consultancy for below service

	Particulars	Last date
1	Consultancy service contract for Architectural Cum Engineering Consultancy for the Construction of Emerging Tech Hub at Technocity, Trivandrum	02nd September 2024, 06:00 PM

For more details please contact **0484 - 2977137** or visit **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Sd/- **CEO, Kerala Startup Mission**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala 147001
Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact number 96461 18721)
TENDER ENQUIRY No. QW-327/PO-W **Dated 06.08.2024**
Chief Engineer / Stores & Workshops Organization, Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL, Ludhiana, invites E-tender of Repair of 3-phase, 50 cycles, outdoor type, oil immersed, naturally cooled, Stack core type construction, OWP Aluminium Wound Distribution Transformers (Type Conventional) of capacity 200 KVA (w/o tap changer) with voltage ratio 11/0.433 KV conforming to ISS: 2026 (with latest amendments, if any) and 1180 part-1 (2014) complete with a first filling of oil conforming to ISS:335/1993 (with latest amendments, if any)
Quantity =1000 Nos.
For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 06.08.2024 from 4.00 P.M. onwards. Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
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Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004
No.: JDA/EE-07/2024-25/D-51 Date : 02.08.2024
NOTICE INVITING BID
NIB No.: EE-07/11/2024-25
Online Bids are invited up-to 06:00 PM of 24.08.2024 for the work of Consultancy services for preparation of Detailed project report (DPR) for "Engineering and Architectural Consultancy for designing of Elevated Road & Underpass in Zone-7 JDA Jaipur" of Rs. 666.00 Lacs. The last date for Applying Bid and making online payment on JDA portal is up-to 06:00 PM of 24.08.2024. Details may be seen in the bidding document at our office or the website of State Public Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in.
UBN No.: JDA2425WLOB00215
To participate in the bid, bidder has to be:
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पावरग्रिड POWERGRID
Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Procurement of 06 Nos. 397MVA Converter Transformers for Talcher and Kolar HVDC stations under Add-Cap 2024-29. **Spec No:** CC/NT/W-TR/DOM/A00/24/06359
Domestic Competitive Bidding (DCB)
Single Stage Two Envelope (SSTE) Bidding Procedure **(Funding : Domestic)**
Date: 08/08/2024
POWERGRID invites online bids through e-portal **https://etender.powergrid.in** for the following Package:

Details/Site/Salient Particulars of Works	Downloading of Bidding Documents / Cost of Bidding Documents	Deadline for Bid Submission
06 Nos. 397MVA Converter Transformers for Talcher and Kolar HVDC stations	Till 22/08/2024 upto 1100 Hrs. / INR 25,000/-	22/08/2024 upto 1100 Hrs.

1. For further details including addendum/changes in bidding program, if any, please visit procurement portal **https://etender.powergrid.in**
2. The first Envelope (Techno-Commercial part) of the bid shall be opened 30 minutes after the deadline of Bid Submission.
3. The complete Bidding Documents are also available on our website **https://www.powergrid.in** (Tender Ref No: 24162) and on Government of India's Central Public Procurement Portal **(https://eprocure.gov.in),** for the purpose of reference only.
4. The NIT/IFB has already been published on e-portal **https://etender.powergrid.in** on 05/06/2024 (RFx No. 5002003600).
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At least 21 killed in Nigeria amid crackdown on protests: Amnesty

REUTERS

Amnesty International has accused Nigerian forces of killing at least 21 protesters during a week of economic hardship rallies. Police have clamped down on protests after thousands of people joined rallies against government policies and the high cost of living last week. Protests have since dwindled significantly. AFP

ANKARA

Turkiye wants to join genocide case against Israel at UN court

REUTERS

Turkiye on Wednesday filed a request with a UN court to join South Africa's lawsuit accusing Israel of genocide in Gaza. Turkey's Ambassador to the Netherlands, accompanied by a group of Turkish legislators, submitted a declaration of intervention to the International Court of Justice in The Hague. AP

TEHRAN

Iran executes 29 convicts a day after protester's hanging

AFP

Iran on Wednesday hanged at least 29 convicts in a single day, including 26 in a group execution in one prison a day after executing a man in connection with 2022 protests. Rights groups have repeatedly accused Iran of using the death penalty on all charges to instill fear in society after the 2022 protests. AFP

COPENHAGEN

Danish PM Frederiksen's attacker gets jail term, set to be deported

AFP

A Danish court on Wednesday handed a Polish man a four-month prison term and ordered him deported for punching the country's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen (in photo). The 39-year-old, who officials have ruled cannot be named, was immediately arrested after the assault on June 7 in a Copenhagen square. AFP

29 AL activists found dead as violence continues

Press Trust of India
DHAKA

Students carried out traffic management as volunteers for the second consecutive day on Wednesday in Bangladesh, as a top police official called on every member of the police force to resume their duties gradually and maintain law and order.

Bodies of at least 29 supporters of Hasina's Awami League party were recovered across the country through Tuesday, taking the overall death toll to 469 in three weeks since the protest first started.

Media reports also flagged more and more cases of violence against minorities surfacing through Tuesday.

Military refused to enforce curfew in Bangladesh, sealing Hasina's fate

Army chief Waker-Uz-Zaman told the PM that his soldiers would be unable to implement the lockdown she had called for; On Monday, Hasina was holed up in her official residence and once the crisis spiralled out of control, she decided to leave

Reuters
DHAKA/NEW DELHI

The night before Sheikh Hasina abruptly left Bangladesh amid deadly protests, her Army chief held a meeting with his Generals and decided that troops would not open fire on civilians to enforce a curfew, two serving Army officers with knowledge of the discussions told Reuters.

Gen. Waker-Uz-Zaman then reached out to Ms. Hasina's office, conveying to the Prime Minister that his soldiers would be unable to implement the lockdown she had called for, according to an Indian official briefed on the matter.

Majority's will: People shake hands with Army troops as they celebrate Sheikh Hasina's resignation in Dhaka on Monday. REUTERS

The message was clear, the official said: Ms. Hasina no longer had the Army's support.

The nationwide curfew had been imposed after at least 91 people were killed and hundreds injured in nationwide clashes on Sunday. An Army spokesperson confirmed the Sunday evening discussions, which he described as a regular meeting to take updates after any disturbance.

Gen. Zaman has not publicly explained his decision to withdraw support for Ms. Hasina. But the scale of the protests and a death toll of at least 241 made supporting Ms. Hasina untenable, three former senior Bangladesh Army officers said.

"There was a lot of uneasiness within the troops," said retired Brig. Gen. M. Sakhawat Hossain. "That is what probably (put) pressure on the chief of army staff, because the troops are out and they are seeing what is happening."

Gen. Zaman, who is related to Ms. Hasina by marriage, had showed signs of wavering in his support for the Prime Minister on Saturday, in a town hall meeting. The General declared that lives had to be protected and called on his officers to show patience.

On Monday, the first full day of the nationwide curfew, Ms. Hasina was holed up inside the Ganabhaban, or "People's Palace".

With the situation spiralling out of her control, the 76-year-old leader decided to flee the country, according to the Indian official and two Bangladesh nationals familiar with the matter.

Mahinda's son Namal enters Sri Lanka's presidential race

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Namal Rajapaksa

Sri Lanka's ruling party helmed by the Rajapaksa clan, who were booted out of office by mass protests in 2022, on Wednesday named Namal Rajapaksa, son of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa, as its candidate for the September presidential polls.

The move follows a split in the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP or People's Front), after many of its legislators recently pledged support to incumbent Ranil Wickremesinghe, who is also running for President.

The party has held a parliamentary majority since the August 2020 general elections, when the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa-led government secured two-thirds of the seats. After Mr. Gotabaya was forced to resign at the height of Sri Lanka's crushing economic crisis in 2022, its MPs have backed Mr. Wickremesinghe who took his place through a parliamentary vote.

The SLPP's choice came as a surprise to some since it was widely speculated that the party would field a casino mogul.

Mr. Namal has been heir apparent in the Rajapaksa camp for some years now, awaiting an opportune time to launch his presidential campaign. However, the party knows its chances are slim in the coming election, after being discredited two years ago.

The people's uprising held the former first family responsible for the country's financial crash and demanded that the Rajapaksas step down.

Mr. Namal, Hambantota legislator and a former Sports Minister, described his candidacy as a "last minute" decision. "The party needs me at this time, and leadership is about being there at challenging times," the 38-year-old parliamentarian told *The Hindu*. Asked if the move was aimed at consolidating support within the party after it split recently, he said political actors jumping ships was not uncommon. "We faced it even when President [Maithripala] Sirisena left us ahead of the 2015 polls."

According to Mandana Ismail Abeywickrema, senior political commentator and Editor-in-Chief of weekend newspaper *The Sunday Morning*, fielding Mr. Namal is a "good move" for the SLPP. "It could not have been an easy choice. But it may arrest any further erosion of their party and send out a strong message to members that it is looking to rebuild itself," she told *The Hindu*.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wickremesinghe is seeking a mandate to continue his government's economic recovery programme, although critics point to a majority of Sri Lankans reeling under the impact of painful austerity measures. Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa and Leader of the opposition National People's Power (NPP) alliance Anura Kumara Dissanayake are two other prominent contenders vying for the top office.

Thai court bans Pita and dissolves his Move Forward Party

Agence France-Presse
BANGKOK

Thailand's most popular politician was banned from politics for 10 years and his party dissolved on Wednesday over his attempt to reform archaic royal defamation laws.

The Constitutional Court in Bangkok voted "unanimously" to dissolve the Move Forward Party (MFP) and ban its executive board, which includes its former leader Pita Limjaroenrat, for 10 years.

Mr. Pita, 43, led the reformist MFP to a shock first place in a general election last year after striking a chord with young and urban voters with his pledge to reform Thailand's strict royal defamation law.

"Let's be sad today for one day but tomorrow we will move on and let's release the frustration through the next ballot," Mr. Pita told a news conference on Wednesday.

EU slams decision

His bid to become Prime Minister was blocked by conservative forces in the Senate. A coalition of Army-linked parties took office instead under Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin.

The European Union and rights groups blasted the court's decision, which the EU said harmed democratic openness in Thailand.

Air tragedy in Nepal

Rescuers work at the site of a helicopter that crashed in Suryachaur area in Nepal on Wednesday. Four Chinese tourists were among five persons killed. This crash comes weeks after the Saurya Airlines plane crash at the Tribhuvan International Airport on July 24 killing 18. AP

Riots spread across towns in the U.K., precipitated by disinformation and racism

NEWS ANALYSIS

Sriram Lakshman

Riots have spread across several U.K. towns and cities following the killing of three children, Alice Aguiar, 9, Bebe King, 6, and Elsie Stancombe, 7, in a knife attack in Southport on July 29. Britain has not witnessed such riots since 2011, when a Black man was shot by police in London.

Disinformation and, presumably, misinformation, that an undocumented migrant and Muslim was behind the attacks spread quickly on social media.

The main suspect in the case is neither Muslim nor an asylum seeker, but 17-year-old Axel Rudakubana, born in the U.K. to Rwandan parents who arrived in the country in 2002.

Following the Southport murders, rioters attacked a mosque in the town while people were inside it. Riots spread to other places in England and Northern Ireland.

Law and order

In its response, the country's new Labour government has sought to emphasise that it is strong on 'law and order' and the protection of minorities, having promised in its election campaign manifesto that it would "return law and order to our streets".

Six thousand police officers were mobilised for more than 30 gatherings planned for Wednesday. There are plans for courts to stay open late, 567 prison places have been made available and over 400 have been arrested.

"I guarantee you will regret taking part in this disorder," Mr. Starmer said on Monday, adding that attacks on Muslim communities would not be tolerated.

Apart from maintaining law and order and fending off racism, the Labour Party may need to win some trust back from Muslim communities, whose support for the party has weakened. Part of this was owing to Mr. Starmer and the party's position on Israel and Gaza, which was seen as too favourable towards Israel.

Two-tier policing

With regard to law and order, the notion of "two tier policing" appears to have entered further into the public consciousness. Justice Secretary Heidi Alexander called the accusations of differential policing a "completely baseless assertion". She and Mr Starmer are among those who have said these are not protests but instances of rioting and criminal violence.

The aftermanth: A restaurant owner clears debris from the street in front of his restaurant in Middlesbrough in northeast England. AFP

Social media site X's owner, Elon Musk, has also waded into the conflict. On August 4, Mr. Musk responded to a video of fireworks being set off by rioters, saying, "Civil war is inevitable." He tweeted '#TwoTierKier' on August 6 in the context of a Birmingham pub attack by a group of Muslim youth, who were among those who had gathered in the city in response to the threat of a far-right protest. Several members of the local Muslim community posted a video with the pub staff, in which they apologized for the group's violence.

The government will now seek to step up its response to the evolving problem of online disinformation. In addition to Mr. Starmer's warning that people would be held to account for their actions online, U.K. Technology Secretary Peter Kyle said he had met with officials from X, Meta, Google and TikTok, "to make clear their responsibility to continue to work with us to stop the spread of hateful misinformation and incitement".

Tommy Robinson, former leader of the far right English Defence League, was among those stoking tensions online. Ms. Alexander said that the Online Safety Act needed constant review as technology evolved.

While prominent opposition politicians have condemned the riots, their past rhetoric is linked to what is unfolding. Former U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and former Home Secretary Priti Patel, both of whom were immigration hardliners have called out the rioters. However, during his term as Prime Minister, Mr. Sunak frequently used the phrase 'stop the boats' to describe his migration strategy. Now, this has become a phrase chanted by rioters.

Hate crimes, migration

Nigel Farage, whose anti-immigrant Reform U.K. party, won 14% of the vote share in the recent elections, condemned the violence but also said "uncontrolled" immigration was fracturing communities and alleged 'two-tier' policing.

Hate crimes in the U.K. have steadily increased in all but one year (2022/23), since government data became available in 2012/13. Both anti-Semitism and Islamophobia had been on the rise in London following the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel and Israel's ongoing retaliation on Gaza. Sharp divisions on migration, as well as the spillover of international events, could possibly be raising the temperature between British communities.

Some 52% of Britons (Ipsos survey, February 2024) say immigration is too high and this is reflected in the positions of both Labour and the Tories.

It is therefore all but certain that a conversation and government decisions in this area are imminent, although they may be pushed down the line until tempers cool.

LEAPING TO GLORY

Tentoglou defends his Olympic long jump crown

AFP

Miltiadis Tentoglou became only the second man after Carl Lewis to win two consecutive Olympic long jump titles, adding the gold at the 2024 Games on Tuesday to the one he claimed at Tokyo three years ago. "It's a great achievement," said Tentoglou, who also claimed the world title last year. "Not bad."

OLYMPIC RECORD

Yavi soars to victory in women's 3000m steeplechase

AP

Bahrain's Winfred Yavi won the women's Olympic 3000m steeplechase title in Paris on Tuesday. Yavi timed an Olympic record of 8m 52.76s for victory ahead of Uganda's defending champion Peruth Chemutai, who took silver in a national record of 8m 53.34s. Kenya's Faith Cherotich claimed bronze in 8m 55.15s.

PIONEERS

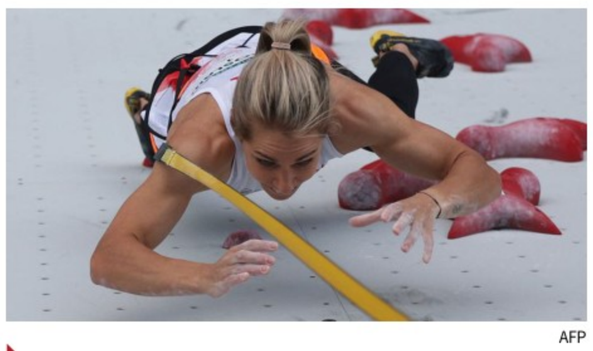
Spain makes Olympic walking history with relay gold

AFP

Spain won the inaugural marathon race walk mixed relay on Wednesday with Alvaro Martin and Maria Perez timing 2:51:22s. Ecuador, whose duet included men's 20km walk champion Brian Pintado, finished second (2:51:22) with Australia third (2:51:38). Martin and Perez had won two titles apiece at last year's Worlds.

ON A HIGH

Aleksandra Miroslaw underlines her class as the best speed climber



AFP

Poland's world-record holder Aleksandra Miroslaw clinched gold in women's speed climbing on Wednesday. The 30-year-old, who holds the record at 6.06s, did the vertical run in 6.10s, beating China's Deng Lijuan in a photo finish. Deng set her personal best with 6.18s. Poland's Aleksandra Kalucka won bronze with 6.53s.

Vinesh Phogat's world comes crashing down around her

Fate deals the cruellest of hands to the Indian as she fails to meet the weight requirement for her gold medal bout by over 100 grams despite concerted efforts through the night and is disqualified from the entire competition

PARIS 2024

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

Leaving no stone unturned: Vinesh and her team did everything possible to get her weight in line with her category, including starving herself and getting her hair trimmed, but to no avail. PTI

Vinesh Phogat's dream run at the Paris Olympics came to a morale-shattering halt as she failed to meet the weight requirement for her women's 50kg wrestling gold medal bout against USA's Sarah Hildebrandt.

The Indian wrestler was disqualified and was not allowed to compete in the final. She also lost out on a confirmed silver medal.

The 29-year-old was a little over 100 grams above the 50kg weight limit during Wednesday morning's weigh-in at 7.15 a.m. local time.

Vinesh weighed 49.90kg on Tuesday morning ahead of her first-round bout, well within the permissible limit. She, however, gained weight during the day as she secured three back-to-back wins to reach the final.

After her semifinal win over Cuba's Yuznelis Guzman, her weight was around 52.7kgs.

The athlete and her team spent a sleepless night without food or water to make the cut. But all in vain.

According to UWW rules, "If an athlete does not attend or fails the weigh-in, he or she will be eliminated from the competition and ranked last without a ranking."

Vinesh is the first athlete to be disqualified from her final for not making weight. She, however, has struggled with weight cuts earlier and barely made the cut during the Asian Olympic Qualifiers in April this year.

Vinesh had wrestled at her first Olympics in the 48kg category. She was 22 then. As she grew older, it became harder to maintain that weight. She then moved up to the 50kg category and then the 53kg category at the time of the Tokyo Olympics.

Even at 53kg, she was losing a lot of weight to compete.

The weight loss resulted in poor recovery and frequent injuries. Her injury also coincided with the rise of another Indian wrestler Antim Panghal.

Vinesh had no option but to drop down to the 50kg category – the lightest in women's wrestling.

"It is with regret that the Indian contingent shares news of the disqualification of Vinesh Phogat from the women's wrestling 50kg class," the Indian Olympic Association said in a release.

"Despite the best efforts by the team through the night, she weighed in a few grams over 50kg this morning. No further comments will be made by the contingent at this time. The Indian team requests you respect Vinesh's privacy. It would like to focus on the competitions at hand."

100g too heavy

What the rules say on weigh-in and Vinesh's disqualification

Vinesh before the weigh-in.

- For each weight class, bouts are held over a two-day span
- Weigh-ins take place in the morning for wrestlers competing that day
- A wrestler who enters the final or repechage has to weigh-in on both days
- During the first weigh-in, wrestlers will have **30 minutes** to make weight
- For the second weigh-in, the window is **15 minutes**
- Wrestlers can get on the scale as many times as they wish
- Contestants are weighed with their singlets and nothing else
- **Two kg weight tolerance** is allowed for World Cup and other International tournaments
- However, **Olympics follow a strict weight restriction**
- Vinesh was 49.9kg on Tuesday morning and fought three bouts over the course of the day
- She registered a weight of 52.7kg after the semifinal
- On Wednesday morning, Vinesh weighed 50.1kg

Despite last-ditch efforts from her coaches and support staff, Vinesh could not shave off the 100g

> We have to respect the rules. I'm so sad what happened to her. If you allow this 100 grams, then you would be allowed for 200 grams. There is no end
>
> **NENAD LALOVIC**
> United World Wrestling president

In the end, Vinesh Phogat loses the battle with herself

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

Disappointment: Vinesh faced setbacks in Rio and Tokyo, but the Paris heartbreak is her most devastating one. GETTY IMAGES

Vinesh Phogat has won and lost before. However, her most devastating defeat happened on a weighing scale on Wednesday morning at the Olympic Athletes village in Paris.

Every morning before they are allowed to wrestle, wrestlers have to go through a weigh-in. If they weigh in heavier than the weight class they are entered in, they are not permitted to compete.

Competing in the women's 50kg category, the scale showed 50.10kg for Vinesh. This loss didn't just deny her what could have been. This defeat is far more insidious. After promising everything, it leaves her with nothing.

The process of cutting weight is downright dangerous. To combat the health damage, the world federation post the Rio Olympics split competitions into two day events. Almost immediately nearly every wrestler moved to a heavier weight category.

Vinesh had competed in the 48kg category at Rio. Her weight cuts – which included days where she rationed out a few 100mls of water while training at full tilt – were feats of human endurance. She moved to the 50kg category and then when that became hard to manage, up once again to the 53kg category. Very often, Vinesh would black out in the middle of a match. She would wrestle on instinct. Sometimes she would even win that way.

For reasons beyond her control, Vinesh had to wrestle in the women's 50 kg category in Paris.

At her first big test at that weight – the Asian Olympic qualifiers – she not only managed to compete but also won the Olympic quota.

Vinesh competed twice more. These though were UWW ranking events, where wrestlers are allowed to compete with a 2kg weight exemption – Vinesh wasn't competing at 50kg but at 52kg.

The Olympics were just the second time where she had made that exact 50.00kg mark.

The night before her first day of competition her water intake went down to zero. She worked out on an Exercycle in her sauna suit. When she grew tired, she sat inside a sauna squeezing out the most adamant drops of water. Then when her energy returned, she returned to the cycle. It was brutal but it worked.

Nervous monitoring

Even as she had been winning on Tuesday, Vinesh's nutritionist had been nervously monitoring her food and fluid intake.

She had had a celebratory glass of juice that morning right after she had first made weight. She had had another couple of litres of fluid to rehydrate herself before her bout. Another 2000 grams of body weight gained. A couple of light snacks throughout the day to keep her energy up – 700 grams more.

By the time Vinesh was done with her day's competition she weighed 52.7kg.

In the days to come coach Woller Akos will wonder what could have been done differently. What is clear is that everything that could be tried was.

Vinesh didn't sleep all through the night. She was on the treadmill and in the sauna the entire time. She also didn't consume anything. Her weight was reducing but not nearly as fast as needed. In desperation, her coaches trimmed the elastic in the bottom of her costume. They considered drawing blood but discarded the idea. They then chopped her hair.

The scale didn't budge.

At 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday, there was nothing more that could be done. Vinesh stood on the scales. 50.1 it read.

She stuck a finger into her throat in a desperate attempt to puke and make weight. But nothing came out. She stood on another scale in the faint hope that there was some error in calibration.

50.1 it said again.

She tried asking for a few minutes more. A few minutes and she would find a way to lose that last wretched amount of weight. Just like the scales, the officials refused to budge.

Just like that her competition was done. From what it's known Vinesh collapsed in the hall. She was put on a drip to speed up her recovery and when that didn't work was rushed to a hospital.

At the Wrestling Arena, her competitors, coaches and even the UWW president expressed sympathy but Vinesh is placed last. None of Vinesh's competitors managed to beat her.

In the end the only one able beat Vinesh Phogat was Vinesh Phogat.

Thursday calling: Indian sports aficionados will hope Neeraj reprises his Tokyo exploits. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Neeraj has stiff competition as he aims to repeat Tokyo heroics

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

It's going to be down to Neeraj Chopra once again isn't it?

When he strides into the Stade de France on Thursday, it will take the talismanic spear thrower's broad shoulders to wrest an an Olympic campaign that began promisingly but now seems mired in despair back to confidence. So far, he's done little that makes it seem the burden is too heavy for him to carry.

The 24-year-old will go into the final as the reigning Olympic champion. He's also the defending world champion.

Biggest throw

He also goes into the summit clash with the biggest throw in the qualification round (89.34m). It's his best throw of the season and over the last couple of years. He achieved it in his very first attempt and looks like he's more than capable of doing more.

None of this will matter in the final though.

"There's no comparison between the qualifying and final rounds. There is a difference in mentality. There is a difference in conditions," he said.

Conditions predict big throws. The track is fast. There's no cross breeze either.

Neeraj knows he will have to be at his best. He might have an Olympic title. None of the other 11 finalists do. They are all hungry to get that gold medal as well.

The contenders

Not all of them will be counted as contenders of course. The threat is likely to come from four others – European champion Julian Weber (87.76m in qualifying), Olympic silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch (85.63m), World silver medallist Arshad Nadeem, (86.59m) and two-time world champion Anderson Peters (88.63m).

Neeraj knows the competition is likely to be fierce. Although he is the Olympic and world champion, he also knows he's not unbeatable.

The Indian has competed thrice this year – his season opener at the Doha Diamond League, at the Federation Cup in Bhubaneshwar, the Paavo Nuurmi Games in Finland.

He was beaten by Vadlejch in Doha – a win that the Czech considered as revenge for previous losses. But there are other throwers out for revenge too.

Pakistan's Arshad is there. He calls Neeraj with the honorific *bhai* and finished behind him at the World Championships. But he's throwing as effortlessly as ever and will surely want to earn his own place in the spotlight.

There's Peters too. The Grenadian is smarting after being denied a third world gold in Budapest a year ago.

In his warm up ahead of the qualifying round, dressed in his track pants and jackets, he threw what looked like a near 90m throw.

Can't forget Weber either, the sole German in the Olympic final. He's carrying a proud tradition of throwing with him. He's finished just outside the podium at the last couple of Worlds and the Tokyo Olympics. Surely he won't be denied another time.

That's just what Neeraj will be expected to do. There are a number of claimants to his throne. He must push his way out to the front.

INBRIEF

RITU RAJ KONWAR

Sreejesh wants the players to focus on bronze medal match

Goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh said the Indian team should grab its second chance to win a medal in the Paris Olympics instead of worrying about the 2-3 loss to Germany in the hockey semifinals on Tuesday. "It's a medal match. It's not about me, it's about the country. We will get a last opportunity to get a medal for our country rather than worry about what happened against Germany," said Sreejesh. "Spain is not an easy team. They are real fighters. The way they played in the quarterfinals showed that we can't relax," said Sreejesh. — **Y.B. Sarangi**

Netherlands' Bouwmeester wins women's dinghy gold

Marit Bouwmeester of Netherlands won the gold in women's dinghy at the Paris Olympics on Wednesday, marking the fourth straight Games in which she has reached the podium. Denmark's Anne-Marie Rindom, who won gold in Tokyo three years ago, took the silver. Line Flem Hoest of Norway got bronze. The 36-year-old Bouwmeester won silver in this class of sailing in London in 2012, followed by gold in Rio in 2016 and bronze in Tokyo. This was her first Olympic medal as a mother.

Algeria boxer Khelif marches into the summit clash

Algerian boxer Imane Khelif, embroiled in a major gender controversy at the Paris Olympics, won her semifinal on Tuesday to guarantee at least a silver medal in front of a raucous Roland Garros crowd that chanted her name. She defeated Thailand's 2023 world silver medallist Janjaem Suwannapheng in a unanimous points decision to march into Friday's final in the women's 66kg category.

Ireland's Harrington retires after retaining her boxing title

Ireland's Kellie Harrington retained her Olympic boxing title on Tuesday at Roland Garros in Paris – and then called it quits. The 34-year-old Dubliner won gold at 60kg at the Tokyo Olympics and defeated China's Yang Wenlu by split decision to make it two golds in a row.

INDIANS IN ACTION

A look at some Indians who will compete on Thursday (all times IST):

Athletics: Women's 100m hurdles: Repechage (Jyothi), 2.05 p.m.; Men's javelin throw final (Neeraj), 11.55 p.m.

Golf: Women's Individual Stroke Play: Round 2 (Aditi, Diksha), 12.30 p.m.

Hockey: Men (bronze medal match): vs Spain (5.30 p.m.).

Wrestling (session begins at 2.30 p.m.): Freestyle 57kg (1/8 final): Men: Aman vs Egorov (Mkd); Women: Anshu vs Maroulis (USA).

GOING FOR GOLD

Athletics: Women's Long Jump, Men's Javelin, Men's 200m, Women's 400m Hurdles, Men's 110m Hurdles

Boxing: Men's 51kg, Women's 54kg

Canoe Sprint: Men's Canoe Double 500m, Women's & Men's Kayak Four 500m

Cycling Track: Women's Keirin, Men's Omnium

Diving: Men's 3m Springboard

Hockey: Men

Marathon Swimming: Women's 10km

Sailing: Men's and Women's Kite

Sport Climbing: Men's Speed

Taekwondo: Men -68kg, Women -57kg

Weightlifting: Men's 73kg

Wrestling: Men's Greco-Roman 67kg, Greco-Roman 87kg, Women's Freestyle 53kg

India needs to surmount a strong Spain to match Tokyo showing

The return of Rohidas will boost India's penalty corner defence and attack apart from strengthening the backline

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

The sting of the defeat to Germany in the keenly-fought semifinal must be hurting India. But all is not lost for the Harmanpreet Singh-led team which meets a strong Spain in the bronze medal match of the men's hockey event of the Olympics at the Yves du Manoir Stadium here on Thursday.

India consistently lifted its game and performed better against tougher opponents, including Olympic champion Belgium and Australia in the pool matches and Great Britain and World champion Germany in the quarterfinals and semifinals respectively.

The loss to Germany was a setback to a long-standing dream, but India must realise that it could not make use of the opportunities that came its way.

Opponents working on ways to check Harmanpreet in penalty corners is to be expected.

Time for action: With opponents working on ways to curtail Harmanpreet's influence, the others have to step up. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Hence the side should look at enhancing its accuracy in converting field goal chances.

The forwardline comprising Mandeep Singh, Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh and Lalit Upadhyay would do well to keep calm like their colleagues in the back.

The return of Amit Rohidas, who served a one-match suspension after being red-carded against Great Britain, will boost India's penalty corner defence and attack apart from strengthening the backline.

Spain, which gave a good fight to the Netherlands in a pool match and stunned a formidable Belgium in the quarterfinals, will be a tough nut to crack though.

Medal drought

Looking to end its 16-year-old medal drought in the Olympics, Spain will depend on its leading goalscorers Jose Basterra and Marc Reyne to get an upper hand.

India had prevailed over Spain in their last two engagements in the FIH Pro League in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela in February last. It would bank on those experiences to devise plans for another win to ensure a much-needed medal when India is struggling to match its last Olympics' tally.

Following its historic bronze in Tokyo, India's second consecutive podium finish after 52 years would be a fitting farewell to seasoned goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh, who is performing at his peak and is all set for his last dance.

Medals table

	Country	G	S	B	T
1	USA	25	33	32	90
2	China	24	22	16	62
3	Australia	17	12	10	39
4	France	13	16	29	49
5	Great Britain	12	16	20	48
6	Japan	12	6	12	30
7	Korea	11	8	7	26
8	Italy	9	10	8	27
9	Netherlands	9	5	6	20
10	Germany	8	5	4	17
65	**India**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**3**

GOLDIES

Miltiadis Tentoglou (Gre): *Men's Long Jump*

Winfred Yavi (Brn): *Women's 3000m Steeplechase*

Gabby Thomas (USA): *Women's 200m*

Kellie Harrington (Irl): *Women's 60kg*

Amit Elor (USA): *Women's Freestyle 68kg*

Spain (Alvaro Martin and Maria Perez): *Marathon race walk mixed relay*

Marit Bouwmeester (Ned): *Women's Dinghy*

Matt Wearn (Aus): *Men's Dinghy*

Aleksandra Miroslaw (Pol): *Sport Climbing: Women's Speed*

Li Fabin (Chn): *Weightlifting Men's 61kg*

Keegan Palmer (Aus): *Skateboarding Men's Park*

Australia: *Cycling Track Men's Team Pursuit*

USA: *Cycling Track Women's Team Pursuit*

Nao Kusaka (Jpn): *Men's Greco-Roman 77kg*

China: *Artistic Swimming Team Acrobatic Routine*

Mohammadhadi Saravi (Iri): *Men's Greco-Roman 97kg*

Quincy Hall (USA): *Men's 400m*

Germans get the better of India, this time in table tennis

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

India bowed out of the women's team event after losing 3-1 to a superior Germany in the quarterfinals of the Olympics at the South Paris Arena's table tennis venue here on Wednesday.

The 11th-ranked India could not match Germans' controlled performance.

The doubles pair of Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath could not offer much resistance against Yuan Wan-Xiaona Shan in the first game. The Indians, however, combined better to play some fine shots to make it 1-1.

The Indians led 9-6 in the third game when Wan hit it out, but Sreeja & Archana could not gather two more points and saw the Germans regain their lead. The Germans' superb cross court shots helped them seize the initiative.

In the first singles encounter, 25th-ranked Manika Batra went 1-0 up against World No. 100 Annett Kaufmann. But Annett bounced back to have six game points secure the next as Manika made several errors. The 18-year-old southpaw raised her game and played some excellent shots to tame Manika in the next two. Archana's cool-headed approach under pressure and a win over 40th-ranked Shan kept India in the competition. As Shan spoiled three game points, the Indian showed her resolve and employed her variation to claim the first game 19-17.

Distraught: Archana and Manika react after the loss. PTI

Archana, ranked 123rd, lost momentum in the second game, but dominated again by getting engaged in some rallies and executing flat shots in the next two to bridge the gap.

Annett eased past Sreeja in the fourth game to win the game for the Germans. The Indian found Annett's sharp shots from unpredictable angles difficult to handle and lost in 23 minutes.

On her loss to a lower-ranked player, Manika said: "I was getting confused. Annett played really well today. She was well prepared."

The results: Germany bt India 3-1 (Yuan Wan-Xiaona Shan bt Sreeja Akula-Archana Kamath 11-5, 8-11, 12-10, 11-6; Annett Kaufmann bt Manika Batra 8-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-5; Xiaona Shan lost to Archana Kamath 17-19, 11-1, 5-11, 9-11; Annett Kaufmann bt Sreeja Akula 11-6, 11-7, 11-7).

Numero uno: Gabby Thomas clocked 21.83s to win her first major title. REUTERS

Gabby Thomas sprints to the 200m title

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

American Gabby Thomas stormed to a brilliant victory in the women's Olympic 200m in Paris on Tuesday to clinch the first major title of her career.

Thomas clocked 21.83s to win ahead of St. Lucia's Olympic 100m champion Julien Alfred, who timed 22.08s. Thomas' USA teammate Brittany Brown claimed bronze in 22.20s.

Thomas, 27, a bronze medallist at the Tokyo Games three years ago, is the first American woman to win an Olympic short sprint title since childhood idol Allyson Felix won the 200m at the 2012 London Games. "It's an unbelievable feeling," Thomas told reporters after her win.

"It's indescribable, I'm so excited. If I didn't get this gold medal today I don't know what I would have done.

"I'm really in disbelief because having an Olympic gold medal is something in my wildest dreams. But at the same time I know how hard I've fought for it.

"This has been six years in the making, head down, working hard, going to really hard meets, pushing yourself, and now it's here and I've done it. This is the happiest moment of my life."

Diksha Dagar. REUTERS

THE INDIA SHOW

A look at some of the Indian performances on Wednesday:

Athletics: Women's 100m hurdles (round 1): Jyothi (seventh in Heat 4, 35th overall), enters repechage; Women's javelin throw qualification: Annu (29th overall), DNQ for final; Men's high jump qualification: Sarvesh (25th overall), DNQ for final; Marathon race walk: Mixed relay final: Priyanka & Suraj (DNF); Men's triple jump qualification: Abdulla (21st overall) and Praveen (27th overall), DNQ for final.

Golf: Women's Individual Stroke Play (round 1): Diksha (T7), Aditi (T13).

Table tennis: Women's team (quarterfinal): lost to Germany 1-3.

Wrestling: Women's freestyle 53kg (1/8 final): Antim lost to Yetgil (Tur) 0-10.

Shooting star Manu returns to a rousing welcome

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

There was a rousing welcome for double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker on Wednesday morning at the Indira Gandhi International airport. The 22-year-old, who won the bronze medals in the air pistol and mixed air pistol event with Sarabjot Singh, returned along with the other shooting medallist, Swapnil Kusale, from the Paris Games.

While Manu hogged all the attention along with her coach Jaspal Rana, it was a relatively subdued welcome for Swapnil, who had won the rifle 3-position medal.

Of course, there was no dearth of flowers or garlands, as the two medal winners were showered with the warmth of love of the adoring fans, especially from the shooting fraternity.

Proud moment: Manu and her coach Rana arrive in Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Quite understandably Manu was thrilled to get a quick taste of home food, as her mother Sumedha and father Ram Kishan Bhaker received her at the airport. There was a felicitation function planned for the medallists by the Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, but it got postponed following the shocking news of the disqualification of Vinesh Phogat from the wrestling finals in Paris.

A series of media interaction with the shooters, especially Manu, also got cancelled, as everyone stayed focused on the gloomy news of Vinesh.

The felicitation and other functions are expected to be done soon, as the government has been particularly prompt in presenting the cash awards for the medals won in international competition.

In fact, Sarabjot Singh who had returned earlier has already been presented his share of ₹22.5 lakh for the bronze medal by the Sports Ministry.

It will be a short home stay for Manu, as she is scheduled to fly back to Paris soon, to be one of the flag bearers at the closing ceremony.

Having missed the third medal by a whisker in the 25-metre sports pistol event, Manu is particularly keen to resume her training schedule for the next Olympic cycle.

For Manoj Kumar, the chief coach of the rifle squad, it was the fruition of intense work, for nearly two years, with the talented, sincere and intelligent shooters. He was confident that Swapnil's medal would pave the way for more Indian shooters asserting themselves in the most gruelling of shooting events, the 50-metre rifle 3-position event that features a 45-shot final, after 60 shots in qualification.

Wily Wellalage bowls Sri Lanka to an emphatic series victory

The Lions maul the visitors to pull off a 110-run win in the third and final encounter; the 2-0 result brings to an end a 27-year-old wait for a favourable verdict in bilateral match-ups against the World's top-ranked ODI side

INDIA IN SRI LANKA

S. Dipak Ragav
COLOMBO

For the third match in a row, the Sri Lankan spinners spun a web around the mighty Indian batting to bowl their side to a sensational 2-0 series triumph after beating the Men in Blue by a mammoth 110 runs in the third and final one-day international at the R. Premadasa International Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

The win also marked Sri Lanka's first one-day bilateral series win against their neighbours in 27 years, set up by its spinners who aptly took 27 out of the 30 wickets (nine in each match). Chasing 249 for victory, India succumbed to left-arm spinner Dunith Wellalage's tricks, who scalped a brilliant five-wicket haul (5.1-0-27-5).

The visitor's chase followed a similar pattern to the first two games, where skipper Rohit Sharma (35) got the team off to a flyer yet again. But once he was back in the dugout, the other batters were like deer caught in the headlights against Lanka's tweakers.

Wellalage struck four times in his first four overs as India went from 53 for one to 82 for six in under six overs. The left-arm spinner claimed his first wicket of the day when Rohit edged to the keeper and later trapped Virat Kohli leg-before as he missed an arm ball trying to play the spin.

Sleight of hand: Wellalage spun out the Indian batting order with a five-for. AFP

In the 13th over, Wellalage castled Axar Patel and had Shreyas Iyer trapped in front – both batters caught on the back foot. Despite playing nine batters, Rohit's men surrendered meekly in just two hours and were shot out for 138. Fittingly, Welllage, whose cameos with the bat in the first two matches proved vital for the hosts, took the final wicket.

Earlier, Avishka Fernando slammed a brilliant 96 (102b, 9x4, 2x6) and found able support from Pathum Nissanka (45) and Kusal Mendis (59) to help the home team post 248 for seven.

After winning a crucial toss for the third time, Sri Lanka made good use of the conditions in what appeared to be the best strip of the series, at least for the first half of the innings.

Avishka and his opening partner Nissanka got their team off to a solid start, taking apart Mohammed Siraj, India's lone frontline pacer. Siraj was wavered, either drifting onto the pads or giving width, and Nissanka was quick to pounce on the opportunities, collecting four boundaries.

Once Nissanka was dismissed, Avishka and Mendis forged an 82-run alliance for the second wicket. The former reached his half-century in style, driving Axar square through the off-side fence. In the 29th over, Avishka punished Siraj by running him down third-man for a boundary before authoritatively pulling the pacer over square-leg for back-to-back maximums.

Riyan Parag (three for 54), making his ODI debut, got the breakthrough by catching Avishka in front with his leg-spin, four short of what would have been a well-deserved century. Despite the Lions' mini-collapse, going from 171 for one to 199 for six once the pitch started taking turn, Kusal held fort at one end to help his side finish strongly. In the end, it proved more than enough.

SCOREBOARD

SRI LANKA

Pathum Nissanka c Pant b Axar 45 *(65b, 5x4, 2x6)*, Avishka Fernando lbw b Parag 96 *(102b, 9x4, 2x6)*, Kusal Mendis c Gill b Kuldeep 59 *(82b, 4x4)*, Charith Asalanka lbw b Parag 10 *(12b, 1x6)*, Sadeera Samarawickrama lbw b Siraj 0 *(1b)*, Janith Liyanage b Washington 8 *(12b, 1x4)*, Dunith Wellalage b Parag 2 *(3b)*, Kamindu Mendis (not out) 23 *(19b, 1x6)*, Maheesh Theekshana (not out) 3 *(4b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-1): 2; Total (for seven wkts. in 50 overs): 248.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-89 (Nissanka, 19.5 overs), 2-171 (Avishka, 35.3), 3-183 (Asalanka, 37.6), 4-184 (Samarawickrama, 38.5), 5-196 (Liyanage, 42.4), 6-199 (Wellalage, 43.3), 7-235 (Kusal Mendis, 48.4).

INDIA BOWLING

Siraj 9-0-78-1, Dube 4-0-9-0, Axar 10-1-41-1, Washington 8-1-29-1, Kuldeep 10-0-36-1, Parag 9-0-54-3.

INDIA

Rohit Sharma c Kusal Mendis b Wellalage 35 *(20b, 6x4, 1x6)*, Shubman Gill b Asitha 6 *(14b)*, Virat Kohli lbw b Wellalage 20 *(18b, 4x4)*, Rishabh Pant st. Kusal Mendis b Theekshana 6 *(9b, 1x4)*, Shreyas Iyer lbw b Wellalage 8 *(7b, 2x4)*, Axar Patel b Wellalage 2 *(7b)*, Riyan Parag b Vandersay 15 *(13b, 2x4)*, Shivam Dube lbw b Vandersay 9 *(14b, 1x4)*, Washington Sundar c Vandersay b Theekshana 30 *(25b, 2x4, 3x6)*, Kuldeep Yadav lbw b Wellalage 6 *(30b)*, Mohammed Siraj (not out) 0 *(0b)*; Extras (lb-1): 1; Total (in 26.1 overs): 138.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-37 (Gill, 4.3), 2-53 (Rohit, 7.1), 3-63 (Pant, 9.2), 4-71 (Kohli, 10.5), 5-73 (Axar, 12.1), 6-82 (Shreyas, 12.5), 7-100 (Parag, 15.6), 8-101 (Dube, 17.3), 9-138 (Washington, 25.6).

SRI LANKA BOWLING

Asitha 5-0-29-1, Theekshana 8-0-45-2, Wellalage 5.1-0-27-5, Vandersay 5-0-34-2, Asalanka 3-1-2-0.

Toss: Sri Lanka.
PoM: Fernando.
PoS: Wellalage.
Sri Lanka won by 110 runs to clinch the three-match series 2-0.

Durand Cup: East Bengal eases past Downtown Heroes

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

No worries: Crespo celebrates after scoring East Bengal's second from the spot. DEBASISH BHADURI

Emami East Bengal FC consolidated its position on top of Group A with a 3-1 win over 10-man Downtown Heroes FC in the 133rd Durand Cup here on Wednesday.

Madih Talal opened the scoring for East Bengal from a free-kick in the 29th minute before Downtown Heroes levelled with a fine goal from Aafreen Basharat in the 30th. Spanish midfielder Saul Crespo converted from the spot to help East Bengal regain the lead in the 36th before substitute Jesin T.K. completed the tally with a goal in second half injury-time.

East Bengal tallied six points from two wins to continue on top of the group. Indian Army picked up its second win on the trot by convincingly outplaying Assam Rifles 3-0 in a Group D encounter at Jamshedpur.

The results: At Kolkata: Group A: Emami East Bengal 3 (Madih Talal 29, Saul Crespo 36-pen, Jesin T.K. 90+3) bt Downtown Heroes FC 1 (Aafreen Basharat 30).
At Jamshedpur: Group D: Indian Army FT 3 (Alan Thapa7, Pradeep Singh 61-pen, Sunil B. 89) bt Assam Rifles FT 0.

It's Imperial Blue vs. Yukan in the Chief Justice's Cup

BENGALURU: Imperial Blue and Yukan may fight out the finish of the Chief Justice's Cup (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Thursday (Aug 8).

False rails (width about from 5m 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 SKYLINE PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Alice Blue (3) B.R. Kumar 62, 2. Sea Diamond (4) P. Sai Kumar 61.5, 3. Estefania (6) Antony 59.5, 4. The Omega Man (5) P. Mani 59.5, 5. Double Vision (8) Dhanu S 59, 6. Tankinika (2) Vivek 59, 7. Ice Storm (1) M. Rajesh K 58.5 and 8. Sacred Creator (7) Angad 57.

1. ESTEFANIA, 2. ALICE BLUE, 3. TANKINIKA

2 BHISHMA PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2-30: 1. Southern Power (3) Arshad 60.5, 2. Free To Play (2) Darshan 59.5, 3. Measure Of Time (7) Akshay K 59.5, 4. Castaneda (1) Antony 57.5, 5. Star Comet (5) Koshi K 56.5, 6. Raffles (8) Dhanu S 56, 7. Glow In The Dark (4) R. Pradeep 55 and 8. Peridot (6) B.R. Kumar 53.

1. FREE TO PLAY, 2. CASTANEDA, 3. MEASURE OF TIME

3 DHARMAPRAKASHA L.S. VENKAJI RAO MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-00: 1. Dr Ash (5) Salman Khan 56, 2. Enjoyable (3) Sai Kiran 56, 3. Forever Royal (2) R. Pradeep 56, 4. Krystallos (4) Akshay K 56, 5. Makoto (6) Dhanu S 56, 6. Rodney (1) B.R. Kumar 56, 7. Flash (7) Sandesh 54.5 and 8. Kamet (8) Antony 54.5.

1. RODNEY, 2. MAKOTO, 3. KRYSTALLOS

4 D. KUMAR SIDDANNA MEMORIAL TROPHY (2,000), rated 40 to 65, 3-30: 1. Aquamatic (1) Suraj 62, 2. Starkova (4) S.J. Moulin 60, 3. Stellar Gold (5) Koshi K 59.5, 4. Magnus (6) Neeraj 53, 5. Constable (2) G. Vivek 52.5 and 6. Tiepolo (3) J. Chinoy 52.5.

1.TIEPOLO, 2. MAGNUS

5 CHIEF JUSTICE'S CUP (1,400m), rated 80 & above, 4-00: 1. Imperial Blue (2) Antony 60, 2. Dun It Again (4) Faizan Khan 57.5, 3. Kalamitsi (5) J. Chinoy 56.5, 4. Neziah (1) Sandesh 56.5, 5. Shubankar (3) Sai Kiran 53.5 and 6. Yukan (6) Akshay K 53.5.

1. IMPERIAL BLUE, 2. YUKAN

6 D.M. KUMARASWAMY MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Crosswater (4) Antony 60, 2. Disruptor (9) Darshan 59.5, 3. Golden Peaks (2) Akshay K 58.5, 4. Roman Spirit (12) Koshi K 57.5, 5. Adjustment (11) Neeraj 57, 6. Victoria Doresaani (7) Suraj 57, 7. Samurai Blue (10) S.J. Moulin 56.5, 8. Extraordinary (6) Sai Kiran 56, 9. High Opinion (1) P. Sai Kumar 55.5, 10. Armory (3) Angad 55, 11. Lex Luthor (8) Vinod Shinde 54.5 and 12. Blue God (5) G. Vivek 52.5.

1. BLUE GOD, 2. VICTORIA DORESAANI, 3. GOLDEN PEAKS

7 GALILEE PLATE (1,800m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Sekhmet (2) Faizan Khan 62, 2. Ardakan (1) Arvind K 61.5, 3. August (5) Antony 60.5, 4. Pharazon (6) Suraj 59, 5. Regal Aristocracy (4) Sandesh 58.5, 6. Southernaristocrat (7) Koshi K 57.5, 7. My Vision (8) Jagadeesh 56, 8. Ahead Of The Curve (9) Vinod Shinde 55, 9. Royal Whisper (3) Salman Khan 53.5 and 10. Mystical Air (10) G. Vivek 53.

1. AUGUST, 2. PHARAZON, 3. MYSTICAL AIR

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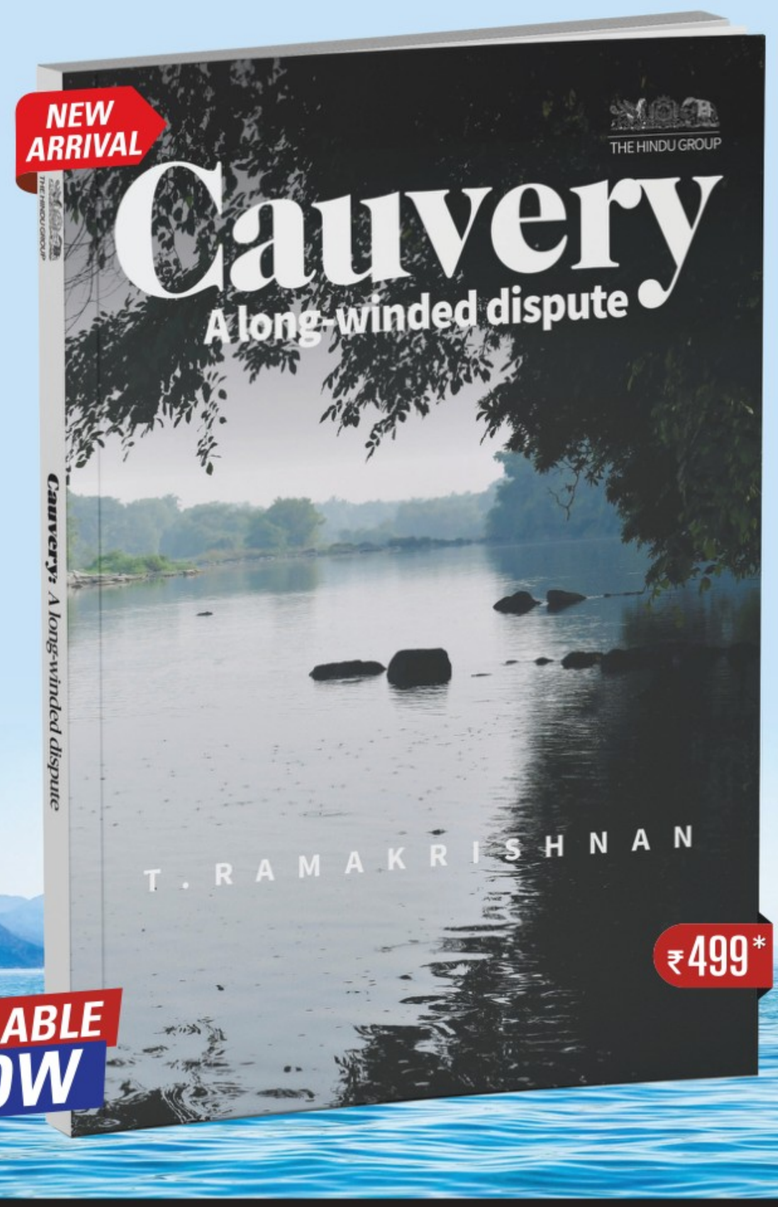
RESOLVING A VEXATIOUS ISSUE

Finding a solution to the vexatious Cauvery dispute has been a challenge to even the collective wisdom of veteran politicians, seasoned policy makers, experts and farmers. It even tested the strength of India's federal structure at times. After bickering among riparian constituents of the Cauvery basin for over a century and exhausting all avenues, judiciary, finally, had to do the task of apportioning the quantum of water for each riparian party. This book gives an account of how the dispute evolved over the years, especially after the 1924 Agreement between Madras Presidency and the Princely State of Mysore. It also drives home the point that the last word has not yet been said on the issue. Apart from the subject of water sharing, the work discusses challenges facing the river on various fronts, including environment.



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Ankita Raina enters the pre-quarterfinals in Roehampton

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Ankita Raina defeated Kathleen Kanev of Germany 6-3, 7-5 in the first round of the $25,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Roehampton (Great Britain) on Wednesday. In the $15,000 ITF men's event in Curtea de Arges (Romania) Manas Dhamne beat Adam Panaras of France 6-3, 6-2 in the first round.

The results: €74,825 Challenger, Bonn: Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: David Pel & Bart Stevens (Ned) bt Luca Sanchez (Fra) & Divij Sharan 6-2, 6-4.
First round, $25,000 ITF women, Brazzaville: Dev Javia bt Yash Chaurasia 6-3, 6-2.
$25,000 ITF men, Taipei: S. Mukund bt Mitsuki Leong (Mas) 7-6(2), 6-2; Kazuki Nishiwaki (Jpn) bt Sidharth Rawat 6-3, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF men, Curtea de Arges: Manas Dhamne bt Adam Panaras (Fra) 6-3, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF men, Monastir: Daniel Khazime bt Chirag Duhan 6-2, 7-6(5).
$25,000 ITF women, Roehampton: Ankita Raina bt Kathleen Kanev (Ger) 6-3, 7-5.
Pre-quarterfinals: $15,000 ITF women, Tbilisi (Georgia): Elena Jamshidi (Den) bt Smriti Bhasin 4-6, 7-6(7), 7-5; **Doubles:** Sofya Gapankova & Kseniya Yersh bt Edda Mamedova & Saumya Vig 6-1, 7-6(3).

Pakistan's squad for two Tests against Bangladesh

Agence France-Presse
KARACHI

Pakistan is "optimistic" about hosting Bangladesh for the Test series, a source close to PCB said on Wednesday. The Bangladesh team is due to land on August 17 for two Tests – the first from August 21 and the second from August 30.

The squad: Shan Masood (capt.), Saud Shakeel (vice-capt.), Aamir Jamal (subject to fitness), Abdullah Shafique, Abrar Ahmed, Babar Azam, Kamran Ghulam, Khurram Shahzad, Mir Hamza, Mohammad Ali, Mohammad Huraira, Mohd. Rizwan, Naseem Shah, Saim Ayub, Salman Ali Agha, Sarfaraz Ahmed, Shaheen Shah Afridi.

Vinesh's disqualification 'unfortunate': Gavaskar

Legendary batter urges the authorities to make a very strong protest

GENERAL

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

As Vinesh Phogat crashed out of the Paris Olympics on Wednesday after failing to meet the weight requirement for the women's 50kg gold medal bout, former India cricket captain Sunil Gavaskar called the whole episode 'unfortunate'.

"I think it's unfortunate and unfair. I do hope that the authorities will take notice of it, make a strong response to this because this is not just the initial round.

"We're talking about the gold medal round and therefore this cannot and should not be taken lying down by anybody in India – whether it's the Indian Olympic Association or the government of India," Gavaskar said on the sidelines of the launch of *TVS Apache Spartan Race India*. Backing Vinesh, who created history by ending Yui Susaki's treak at Olympics en route the final, Gavaskar added, "I think we actually must be protesting very, very strongly about this whole issue."

Stay focused: Gavaskar asked the contingent not to get distracted by the setback to Vinesh. SHAYAN ACHARYA

daCunha/AB/967

INBRIEF

Argentina's di Maria extends Benfica deal through 2025

Veteran Argentina winger Angel Di Maria, 36, has decided against a return to his homeland and extended his deal with Portuguese club Benfica, the Lisbon outfit said on Wednesday. He had been in negotiations to join Rosario Central of Argentina but had a change of heart. "I am happy to stay at Benfica for one more year" to "continue to win titles," the 36-year-old said. Di Maria helped Argentina win the World Cup and Copa America and has starred with Real Madrid, Manchester United, Juventus and PSG.

LIVE TELECAST

Olympics 2024: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 11 a.m. onwards
Football: Durand Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 & 6.30 p.m.
West Indies vs South Africa: 1st Test, day 2, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

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With four World Championship titles and four ISSF World Cup gold medals, identify this rising star in Indian shooting who will be representing the country at the Paris 2024 Olympics.
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Answer to yesterday's quiz: Gymnastics

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Champion: The victorious Swastic Union CC (1) squad. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Swastic Union triumphs
Swastic Union CC (1) defeated Vijaya CC in the final to emerge as the KSCA under-19 inter-club tournament champion.
The score: Final: Swastic Union CC (1) 288/9 in 50 overs (Hardik Raj 100, R.V. Rohit 85) bt Vijaya CC 186 in 37.1 overs (Yash Jadhav 26, N. Samarth 80, Kumar Bangera 3/31).

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